

Atienza won't allow logging's return to Samar

Bangladesh cyclone death toll reaches 2,000

Federer wins fourth Masters Cup crown

Geologists, mining eng'rs leaving RP

Marathon man dies before crossing finish line

Gov'ts, traders told: Get ready for one Asean market

SINGAPORE—SOUTHEAST ASIAN BUSINESSES and governments must accelerate efforts to fuse into an EU-style single market by 2015 or risk losing out to China and India, several of the region's trade ministers said on Sunday.

"If we cannot start to really integrate ourselves faster we would see our competitive-

GOV'TS / A6

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Monday, November 19, 2007

★★

14 sections / Vol. 22 / No. 344 P18

website: www.inquirer.net

'Eavesdroppers' stalk media at coup hearing

By Nikko Dizon

THEY CAME COMPLETE with ball pens, sheets of paper and even a video camera. But the one holding the camera

EAVESDROPPERS / A18



GMA, Burma PM meet before summit

By Norman Bordadora

SINGAPORE (VIA PLDT)—President Macapagal-Arroyo kicks off a series of one-on-one talks with Asian leaders today with a meeting with Prime Minister Thein Sein of Burma (Myanmar)—two leaders whose governments have come under international scrutiny over allegations of human rights abuses.

Ms Arroyo flew into Singapore yesterday afternoon to attend Tuesday's summit of the Association of Southeast Asian

Nations (Asean), to be followed by a tête-à-tête with the leaders of China, Japan, South Korea, India, Australia and New Zealand in the so-called East Asia Summit either later on Tuesday or on Wednesday.

Asean is under pressure to rein in its most troublesome member, Burma, whose deadly suppression of prodemocracy protests has cast a shadow over Asean's 40th anniversary summit.

Asean ministers and officials held meetings under tight security yesterday ahead of the sum-

mit at which the leaders will sign a landmark Asean charter and a blueprint for the creation of a free trade zone by 2015.

The Burmese Embassy in Singapore confirmed the bilateral meeting between Ms Arroyo and Thein Sein, but no agenda for discussion was released.

Ms Arroyo in September called on the Burmese junta to release opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest for years, as well as scores of Buddhist monks detained after a series of protests.

The Philippines itself has not been spared international criticism for alleged human rights violations by some elements of its security forces, who have been suspected of involvement in the deaths of hundreds of political militants since Ms Arroyo took office in 2001.

In a departure statement in Manila, Ms Arroyo said she was attending the Asian leaders' meetings with the interest of Filipinos on top of her agenda.

"The interests of the people of the Philippines come first.

GMA / A6



SPEAKER Jose de Venecia bids President Arroyo good luck before her departure at the Naia for the Asean summit in Singapore. ERIK ARAZAS

Blaming Abus was convenient for probers

By Amando Doronila

FOUR DAYS AFTER THE BOMBING of the Batasan, the Philippine National Police declared the case "solved but not closed."

ANALYSIS This followed a police raid in Payatas, Quezon City, on Thursday during which three alleged Abu Sayyaf members were killed.

The solution was the swiftest in the campaign against terrorists.

Police were led to Payatas by evidence based on a motorcycle parked at the south wing of the Batasang Pambansa complex at the time of the explosion. They traced the ownership of the motorcycle to a Payatas resident.

The bomb that killed Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar, 47, was detonated through a remote control device by persons who were near the motorcycle, police said.

Police said the raid was a break in the investigation and led to further evidence that established a "strong link" between the blast and three suspects killed in the Payatas raid and three others who were arrested.

They said a gunfight broke out when a PNP and military team was trying to serve a warrant of arrest against a certain Pakid Said, identified as an Abu Sayyaf member. Two other suspects were killed while resisting arrest. Police said the raid was

BLAMING / A17

Palace official clears Akbar's political foe

Cops to file murder raps vs 3 suspects

By Nikko Dizon, Jeannette I. Andrade and Christine O. Avendaño

THREE ALLEGED ABU SAYYAF MEMBERS FACE murder charges today in connection with the bombing at the Batasang Pambansa complex that killed Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar and three others, but a top Malacañang official all but cleared Akbar's political rival, Gerry Salapuddin, in the attack.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday described Salapuddin, a former Moro National Liberation Front guerrilla, as a "very honorable man."

"He is a former MNLF commander, but as to whether he has that psyche of doing that... I don't think that he would do that," Ermita said, referring to the Batasan bombing.

"We will file four counts of murder and multiple serious physical injuries against the suspects," National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Director Geary Barias said in a phone interview yesterday.

The suspects—Ikram Indama, Kaidar Awnal and Ad-

ham Kusain—were arrested in a raid in Barangay Payatas on Nov. 15, two days after the deadly bombing at the House of Representatives in Quezon City.

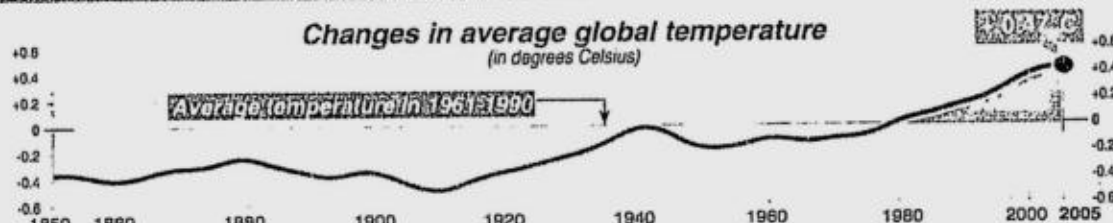
Three others—Abu Jandal, Redwan Indama and his wife Saing—were killed in the gun battle that erupted after authorities tried to serve an arrest warrant on Jandal, an alleged Abu Sayyaf member who was wanted for kidnapping.

Barias said police were still discussing whether to file the case in the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office or the Department of Justice.

Salapuddin has denied in-

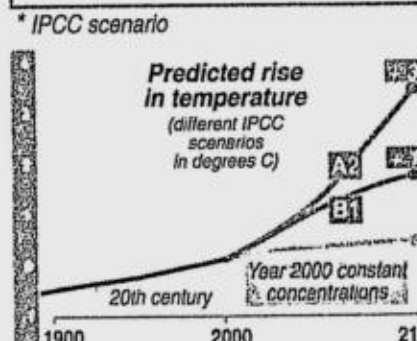
PALACE / A18

Without action global warming may be irreversible

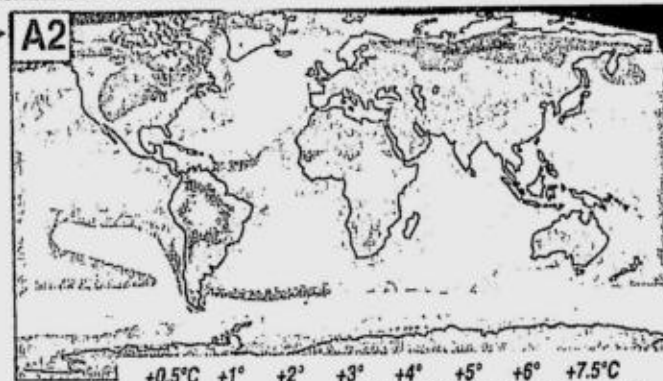


A2*: Business as usual
Global warming may be irreversible
Economic growth varies sharply between regions
Population rise is fast and constant
Use of clean energy technologies varies between regions

B1*: A cleaner approach
Global warming slows
Growth based on service economy and information technology
Population peaks in 2050, then falls
Clean energy technologies are widely adopted



Source: IPCC, Hadley Centre



Source: IPCC, Hadley Centre

Environmentalists want more Asian action on global warming

SINGAPORE—ENVIRONMENTAL groups are stepping up the pressure on Asian nations to do more to fight global warming ahead of a key climate conference next month, calling their pledges so far nothing but empty promises.

Leaders of 16 countries meeting in Singapore this week have agreed to increase the region's forest cover, promote the use of clean energy sources and pro-

tect marine ecosystems.

But activists say the draft declarations from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) and the wider East Asia grouping, including China and India, do not go far enough.

"We want to see a more proactive stance from both Asean and the East Asia Summit," Rafael Senga, the Asia-Pacific energy coordinator for the World Wildlife Fund, told Agence France Presse.

Senga described as "empty rhetoric" the draft Asean documents. "After making statements at the summits, nothing happens after that," he said.

Athena Ballesteros, a climate campaigner with environmental watchdog Greenpeace, singled out leaders of the 10-nation Asean bloc for particular scorn.

"Outrageously, if this docu-

ENVIRONMENTALISTS / A8

Libre turns 6; family, lifestyle news up

EXPECT MORE LIFESTYLE news that will help readers decide where, when and how to make time for family bonding as INQUIRER LIBRE enters its seventh year as the first and

longest-running free daily Filipino newspaper in the country.

INQUIRER president and CEO Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez said plans were being drawn for LIBRE to focus on stories that

would give readers more ideas on how to spend time with the family based on different needs and budgets.

"We want more features and

LIBRE / A8

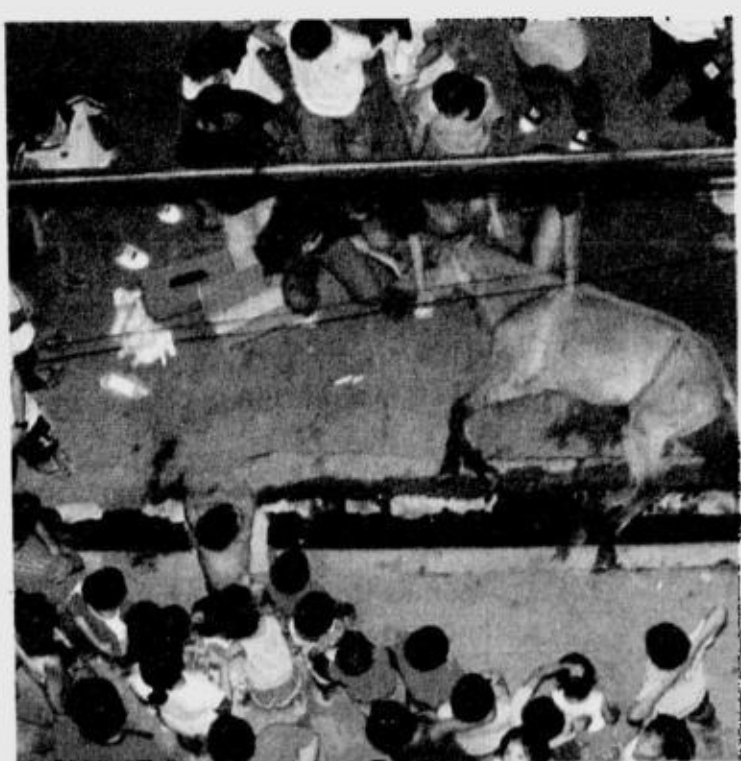
Life just too cruel for Conde

By Charles E. Buban

IN WHAT WAS TO BE HIS last hours as a maltreated working horse, Conde finally found a way to get even with his cruel master: The 16-year-old horse collapsed in front of the INQUIRER office on Chino Roces Avenue in Makati City and found the attention he probably never received in his entire life.

The sight of Conde being forced by his owner to get up was unbearable as a number of INQUIRER employ-

LIFE JUST / A19



DEAD END. Conde, a horse believed to have been ill-treated by his owner, collapses in front of the INQUIRER office on Chino Roces Avenue.

BARRY LERMA

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over the eastern sections of Visayas and Mindanao which may trigger flashfloods and landslides. Southern Luzon will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

Metro Manila Mostly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod Cloudy with Rains
Baguio Partly Cloudy	Roxas Cloudy with Rains
Tuguegarao Partly Cloudy	Cebu Cloudy with Rains
Laoag Partly Cloudy	Tacloban Cloudy with Rains
Clark Zone Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay Mostly Cloudy	Zamboanga Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi Mostly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro Cloudy with Rains
Calapan Mostly Cloudy	Bayao Cloudy with Rains

COMPILED BY: RHEA BLANCA, FOR RESEARCH/11/18/07

SOURCE: PAGASA

Text us your feedback: inquirer news name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Second FRONT PAGE

E-mail: pr_news@inquirer.com.ph

Website: www.inquirer.net/nation



EZ2

16 20

(In exact order)

Mid-Day **SUERTRES** Evening

7 9 7 7 6 2

SUPERLOTTO 6/49

12 13 27 31 34 37

P105,810,975.00

Palace assures Moros on pacts

'Agreement on territory with MILF won't violate peace accord with MNLF'

By Christine O. Avendaño

MALACANANG YESTERDAY assured the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) that the government would not violate the peace pact it had signed with the group in its ongoing discussions with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)

WHAT'S INSIDE

PSE WINS CASE
vs 15 former employees

MORE FORMER
Pinoy reacquainting citizenship

on a new Muslim homeland.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita acknowledged that it was understandable for the MNLF, especially its chair Nur Misuari, to express concern in the matter of the Muslim territory that was agreed upon in principle between the government and the MILF in the recent exploratory talks in Malaysia.

The MNLF had protested the agreement between the government and the MILF signed in Kuala Lumpur last week defining the borders of a new Muslim

homeland, saying it violated the

1996 peace pact with the MNLF. Ermita said Misuari was trying to say "he could not imagine how any agreement could be had with the MILF without considering very closely the 1996 GRP-MNLF agreement."

"Now on our part, as far as the government is concerned, the term of reference for any negotiations, especially now between the GRP and MILF, should be our Constitution and, of course, the 1996 agreement which is now embodied in a law

which is 9054," he told reporters at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport where he led the send-off for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Ermita made it clear that, "If at all there is an expanded area.. then we should take a look at the areas being considered in this negotiation and then, of course, we have to go back to 9054 and, of course, to follow our Constitution."

He said what the MILF wanted was a further expansion of the present area of autonomy but that this

would be done through the Constitutional process.

"There's got to be no violation whatsoever and for that matter remember last week the GRP panel went to Jeddah to attend the tripartite meeting with the MNLF and OIC (Organization of the Islamic Conference), the more reason the agreement of 1996 is being firmed up and, therefore, there's reason for the MNLF to be sure that whatever agreement we will have with the MILF should hew closely to the 1996 agreement," he said.

Senate to probe peso's rise

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON economic affairs will look into the peso's steep ascent and assess the strong currency's impact on Filipinos, particularly exporters, call center operators and overseas workers.

Committee chair Sen. Loren Legarda said the peso's rise had become critical, especially after the Social Weather Stations (SWS) released a survey showing that at least five million Filipinos have been adversely affected by the peso's surge against the greenback.

"While a strong peso benefits the economy, there is also a need to look into the legitimate concerns on the effects of the surging peso to the overall performance of the financial market," Legarda said.

Sen. Mar Roxas said a strong currency would hurt three key economic sectors that have been driving the country's economic growth in the past three years: Overseas Filipino workers would get fewer pesos for their dollars, exporters would earn less from their sales, and business process outsourcing operators would have to spend more dollars on their operations here.

Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Gov't suspends car imports at Subic

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE IMPORTATION of used motor vehicles through the Subic Bay Freeport has been suspended for six months to allow government agencies to

audit companies there and determine the extent of vehicle smuggling as well as collect the proper taxes for the government.

The auditing team is composed of representatives from the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Finance and Bureau of Customs.

The moratorium on import permits was also extended to two oil companies—PTT and Tri-Solid—until the firms paid the correct excise taxes, Subic customs collector Marietta Zamoranos and SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza said in separate phone interviews on Friday.

Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales confirmed the information given by an INQUIRER source that the audit of the two oil firms was ordered by

President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"The audit is one of the action plans we are doing for revenue generation. It is an alternative remedial measure to get the assigned collection target. The President is aware of this and she said, 'Good. Do it,'" Morales said in a telephone interview.

The INQUIRER source, who sought anonymity for lack of authority to speak, said the audit ordered by Ms Arroyo did not only seek a review of all oil and used vehicle imports but an "investigation of all transshipments of cigarettes and liquor at the free port."

Zamoranos said the review of the two oil companies was finished last Friday.

The inventory of the vehicles stored at the free port was "still ongoing," Zamoranos said.

"All car importers are being made to liquidate their import documents. Everybody has to," she said, referring to at least 20 companies.

ASIA INTERNATIONAL AUCTIONEERS, INC.

Your Best Source of Quality Machines in Asia

TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT 4-DAY Public Auction

(Sole Starts at 8:00 A.M.)

Auction Dates: NOVEMBER 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2007
(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Inspection Dates: NOVEMBER 18, 19 & 20
(Sunday, Monday & Tuesday)

OVER 2,500 ITEMS TO BE SOLD!

INSPECTION ON-GOING

WITH JAPAN CRANE SAFETY INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

24 HRS ONLY

100 TONS

TADANO

1996 TADANO AR1000M-1 ALL TERRAIN CRANE

183 - EXCAVATORS

56 - BULLDOZERS

1 of 3 - KOMATSU D65P-11 WITH RIPPER

187 - ALUM VANS

2 of 11 - ISUZU GIGA CXG ALUM VAN TRUCKS

190 - CARGO TRUCKS

1 of 15 - ISUZU FORWARD CARGO TRUCKS

43 - WHEEL LOADERS

1997 TCM L39

35 - TANKER TRUCKS

ISUZU GIGA CXG TANKER TRUCK-16KL

39 - TRAILERS

2 of 5 - ALUM VAN TRAILERS

GENERATOR SETS

MITSUBISHI S12A2 - 725 KVA

QUALITY TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT THAT WILL DO THE JOB FOR YOU!

Inquire & Register on-line via: www.asia-intl-auctioneers.com

Lower Mac Camp, Argonaut Highway, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines

TEL: 6347-252-3333 / 6347-252-6940 / 252-1441 E-mail: aiainc@subic.com

ORIX METAL Leasing & Finance Corp. (02) 858-8888



Marie Eugenie Theater of The Assumption
Assumption College San Lorenzo



in cooperation with



presents

BROADWAY 1

featuring songs from

Amie Cole Porter

A CHORUS LINE

Direction **PAOLO O'HARA**

BATCHE TAN Choreography

ANA VALDES LIM
Artistic Direction

featuring

DIANA ALFEREZ JV KATIPUNAN GILBERT ONIDA RANDY VILLARAMA
with STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, and ALUMNAE
of Assumption College San Lorenzo

December 15, 2007 (Saturday) 7:00 pm
December 16, 2007 (Sunday) 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Mother Rose Auditorium (MRA)
Assumption College San Lorenzo, Makati

For the benefit of Assumption San Lorenzo's HAIN. A feeding program for malnourished children.



Tickets available at Ticketworld 891-9999 or Assumption Basic Education (BED) Family Council 817-7891 / 813-6291.
For other information, call Metta Office 894-2681, 817-0757 loc. 1161-63, or e-mail: metta_assumption@yahoo.com.ph

RP to send medical team to Bangladesh

THE PHILIPPINES WILL SEND A MEDICAL team to Bangladesh to help relief efforts after a powerful cyclone killed more than 1,800 people in that country, a presidential aide said on Sunday. President Macapagal-Arroyo extended her "deepest sympathy and compassion to the people of Bangladesh" and ordered Health Secretary Francisco Duque to form the medical team, said

Cerge Remonde, chief of the Presidential Management Staff.

Duque said the team—which would likely include five doctors, four nurses and a psychiatrist—could leave as early as Wednesday.

Bangladeshi officials said more than 1,800 people had died and the toll was likely to rise after Cyclone Sidr, carrying winds of up to 240 kilometers per

hour, smashed tens of thousands of homes Thursday in the country's southwest and ruined crops just before the harvest season.

The Philippines, which is geographically in the path of many powerful typhoons in the Pacific Ocean, has had its share of devastation wrought by cyclones.

In December 2006, more than 1,000

people were killed or went missing after the Bicol region was struck by a typhoon and torrential rains that unleashed mudslides and volcanic debris that wiped out entire villages.

Today the entire village of Guinsagon in Sorsogon province lies under the mud that rolled down the mountains and buried more 1,000 local residents and visitors. **AP**

Banker looking for people who share similar interests in cooking, crafts, and taking care of household finances.

995 1888

Lala Sinlao - Mariano

Manager - Katipunan Branch

Why you should get to know me:

Being a mother myself, I know that every peso counts so I always look for ways to get more value out of my money. I know you would appreciate world-class services like an account with no transaction fees when you withdraw from other banks' ATMs. Or an account with no maintaining balance requirements.

So call me. Or better yet, visit my branch at G/F SMRC Building 1, 333 Katipunan cor. B. Gonzales Street, Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

You can also visit any of our Citibank Savings branches.

You'll find it doesn't take much to experience world-class banking.

Citibank Savings. Now in your neighborhood.

citibank savings let's get it done

Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Maximum Deposits Insurance for Each Depositor P250,000. Subject to PDIC rules.

Visit any of our Citibank Savings Branches: Alabang • Angeles • Ayala Avenue • Bacolod • Batangas • Binondo • Bulacan • Zamora • Cagayan de Oro • Caloocan • Cebu • Marikina • Cebu • Osmeña Avenue • Congressional Avenue • Dagupan • Davao • Del Monte Avenue • Divisoria • Ermita • Frontera Verde • Greenhills • Iloilo • Jose Abad Santos Avenue • Katipunan Avenue • Las Piñas • Legaspi Village • Ortigas • Pasay Road • Pasig • Market Avenue • Pasig • Rosario • Pasong Tamo • San Fernando • San Pablo • Shaw Boulevard • Sta. Lucia East • Sucat • Tomas Morato Avenue • West Triangle

Citibank is a registered service mark of Citigroup Inc. Let's Get It Done is a service mark of Citigroup Inc.

Printing life.

EXTENDED!

Dawn's Secret Blemish-Eraser: IPL

"Because I have oily skin, my problem has always been acne. But I noticed that since I started getting **Intense Pulsed Light (IPL)** treatments, my skin became clearer and really even. Even the blemishes of my past pimples have disappeared. Before, I'd never step out of the house without make-up, now I use only sunblock! My complexion has never been better. Thanks IPL!"

Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo
Actress

Get really clear, blemish-free skin. Call Facial Care for a free IPL consultation today.

Get 40% OFF IPL
upon enrollment until Nov. 24, 2007 only.

*As approved by DTI-NCR Per DTI-NCR Permit #5644, Series of 2007

facialcare

892-SKIN (7546)

PRINT TOWN

www.printntown.ph

www.facialcarecentre.com.ph

MAKATI • ORTIGAS • TOMAS MORATO • BINONDO • ALABANG • CONGRESSIONAL • PAMPANGA (961-3404) • CEBU (233-7631)

Stock exchange wins case vs former employees

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE Inc. has won the labor case filed against it by its employees whose services were terminated after the bourse reorganized itself into a profit-oriented entity in order to become more competitive and profitable.

The Court of Appeals upheld the ruling of the National Labor Relations Commission that found nothing irregular in the termination of 15 PSE em-

ployees who had charged that they were illegally dismissed and had sought reinstatement or compensation.

The employees initially won their case before the labor arbiter, who awarded them nearly P18 million in back wages, damages and 14th- to 16th-month pay, but the decision was reversed by the NLRC, prompting the employees to take the case to the Court of Appeals.

Named respondents were PSE presi-

dent Francisco Ed Lim, senior vice president Jurisita Quintos, human resources management department head Alfredo Jingco and its board of directors.

In taking the case to the appellate court, the PSE employees said they were offered special separation packages, but had reservations about it. They said they expressed their right to additional monetary benefits and asked the PSE for more details about the reorganization.

But they said their concerns, through a letter, angered the PSE president. The employees were given 24 hours to sign a uniform letter of intent availing themselves of the special separation package. They said they were compelled to sign to avoid the risk of losing the special package should they be terminated.

The employees said there was bad faith on the PSE's part because some of the letters of intent stated that the employees had voluntarily chosen the special package, while other letters stated that their separation was brought about by the reorganization of the PSE. They also said new employees were hired at much higher salaries to replace them.

The PSE contended its reorganization was valid and done in good faith. It

said that to improve its performance since it had been lagging behind other stock exchanges, it had to abolish certain offices.

It said it issued 30-day termination notices and informed the Department of Labor and Employment and the workers of the termination of employment relations.

In siding with the PSE, the appellate court said it was the bourse's prerogative to reorganize itself and to abolish or merge some functions that may entail reducing its workforce.

"The PSE is now a for-profit company, and to advance its own interest it is not precluded from determining what measures it can adopt for economy and efficiency's sake," it said.

As for the new hires with higher salaries, the appellate court said they had more duties than the former employees, which was why their salaries were commensurate with their responsibilities.

"My picture, my background..."

Just DO-IT-YOURSELF!



24 mos.
Extended Warranty

IT'S EASY!

1. Insert memory pack in TKR 300
2. Connect TKR 300 to computer
3. Copy & paste pictures to memory pack.
4. Safely remove TKR 300
5. Set configuration to BACKGROUND IMAGE user.

ziller
REALSOUND
PORTABLE BOX VIDEOKE
Mas masarap nang mag-Videoke!

Product Highlights:

- Built-in 277 OPM & 1,273 English songs
- Easy Song Search, no need for song book
- 10 Song Pack Slots
- Sing with back-up singers

>>> Other Features: Create a playlist of up to 50 of your favorite songs • Reserve up to 30 songs (separate from favorite list) • Fast forward songs using the skip button • On-screen menu icons for easy navigation • With USB Function • 9 ways of Singer Showdown • Adjustable mic, music, melody & echo volumes • Realtime and 2 level scoring • Adjustable key, tempo • PAL/NTSC compatible • With outvout adaptor

save as much as P 2,800.00! in our **GRAND NOVEMBER BIRIT**
Extended until Nov. 30. Approved by DTI-NCR. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3359. Series of 2007.

Now available at the following:

SM Appliance outlets: The Block • SM Valenzuela • SM Cubao • SM Megamall • Rockwell • SM Makati • SM Fairview • SM Manila • SM Mall Of Asia • SM Sucat • SM Bicutan • SM Sta. Rosa • SM Las Piñas • Virramall • SM Marilao • SM Pampanga • SM Baguio • SM Bacoor • SM Dasmariñas • SM Batangas • SM Lipa • SM Cebu • SM Iloilo • SM Lucena • SM Davao • SM Cagayan De Oro • SM Bacolod • **Automatic Centre outlets:** Market! Market! • Tutuban • Shaw Boulevard • Sogo Alimall • Pioneer • Sogo Metro East • Gateway • Sogo Glorietta • **Robinsons outlets:** Robinsons Galleria • Robinsons Ermita • **Robinsons Appliance outlets:** Novaliches • Metro East • **DIY outlets:** Araneta Square Monumento • Ortigas • Ever Gotesco Commonwealth • Greenhills • Eastwood • Gateway • Sta. Lucia East (Cainta) • Nepo Mall (Pampanga) • Nepo Mall (Dagupan) • CSI (Dagupan) • Alaminos • Nepo Mall (Baguio) • Magic Mall (Urdaneta) • Nepo Mall (Angeles) • Magic Mall (Urdaneta) • Balingit Mall (Urdaneta) • Olongapo City (Zambales) • Bay Citymall Batangas • Lotus Mall Imus Cavite • Uniwide Sales Paranaque City • Abanao (Baguio) • Coyeesan (Baguio) • DIY San Pedro • DIY Sta. Rosa • DIY Sta. Cruz, Laguna • DIY Naga • **Electronics Boutique outlets:** Metro East • Market! Market! • Festival • **Ambassador outlets:** Parksquare • Shangri-La Mall (2nd Flr.) • **Other outlets:** First Asian Appliance • Lighting Depot Shaw Blvd • Gadgets in style (Shangri-La Mall, 5th floor) • Sohan Int'l (Harrison Plaza) • Quality Cellular Phone Center (144-C West Avenue) • CMK Cellphone Accessories (311 B-Roosevelt Avenue) • Royal Duty Free Subic • Gaisano Cagayan De Oro

by media Made in KOREA www.tjmedia.co.kr

Exclusively Distributed by: RealSound Corporation • www.realsoundvideoke.com
Tel. No. (632) 366-8410 • (02) 447-3114 • (632) 447-3647 • SMS: 0927-4842789

Visit our Exhibit at:
Karl Edwards NBC Tent, The Fort
every Friday to Sunday

THE DAILY GOSPEL



Monday, November 19, 2007
33rd Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

When Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road, begging. As he heard the crowd passing by, he inquired what it was, and they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was going by. Then he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The people in front scolded him, "Be quiet!" but he cried out all the more, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and ordered the blind man to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the man said, "Lord, that I may see!" Jesus said, "Receive your sight, your faith has saved you." At once the blind man was able to see, and he followed Jesus, giving praise to God. And all the people who were there also praised God.

Commentary

There arises an evil king and many of the people of Israel become ashamed of who they are and their heritage of the covenant, and they begin to practice the customs of the Greeks. Then the king demands that they abandon their ways and their religion. The law is destroyed, the altars profaned, and those who remained obedient are killed, and many die. This is the short story of a long time of horror. We barely know what persecution means—are we faithful or are we seduced by whatever new way or fad comes along?

Jesus heals a blind man on the side of the road. Having heard it is Jesus, the blind man cries out but the crowd and even the disciples make it difficult for him to attract Jesus' attention. He asks for sight and is given it and he follows Jesus up the road—the road to Jerusalem and the cross. Do we cry out for sight from Jesus or are we part of the crowd that hinders others from coming to God? Sight is seeing by faith, seeing through the Spirit, the wisdom of God. We are all in sore need of this sight.

Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP RO. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: cci@claret.org; Websites: <http://www.bible.claret.org> (Claretian Publications) & <http://www.claretphilippines.org> (Claretian Missionaries in the Philippines)



ALLIANCE TUNA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

ALLIANCE TUNA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Notice to Stockholders

As approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Alliance Tuna International, Inc. shall issue a 12% stock dividend to stockholders of record as of November 20, 2007.

In this connection, stockholders who wish to round up their fractional shares of 1/2 or higher shall be given the option to pay for the difference so as to entitle them to whole shares, on a first-come-first-served basis until the total number of shares issued herein as stock dividend shall have reached 64,177,449.

Interested qualified stockholders may forward their written request to:

Office of the Corporate Secretary
Alliance Tuna International, Inc.
Suite 1205, East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

All fractional shares of less than 1/2 and fractional shares of 1/2 or higher which have not been converted to whole shares will be paid in cash.

(Sgd.) MA. ERLINDA R. CALANGI
Corporate Secretary



We almost have to sell tickets.

With its movie-like visual quality, everyone will want to watch TV on the Skyworth.

Experience it personally.

Visit our partners' showrooms and see why your neighbors will beat a path to your door.

The Perfect View



L16 Series
32", 37" and 42"

L01 Series
20"

L03 Series
20"

L18 Series
26", 32" and 37"

Skyworth
LCD TV



Exclusive distributor in the Philippines:
TECHPOINT
www.techpoint.com.ph

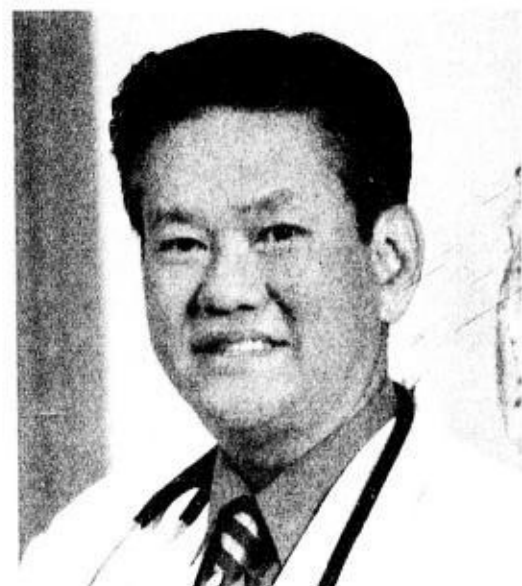
Available at: SM Appliance Center, Anson's, Western Marketing, Automatic Center, Robinsons Appliance, Ambassador Appliance, Worldwide Audio Video, Saver's Digital Hub, and other leading appliance stores nationwide



Many patients with hypertension do not experience any symptoms. Hence, it is not easily detected until it's too late.

Hypertension is a lifelong, potentially fatal disease that can be easily diagnosed. It has no permanent cure but it can be controlled through lifestyle change and medication. So complications like heart attack, stroke, heart and kidney failure can be prevented.

So don't take advice from just anyone. Go to a real doctor.



DR. RAFAEL R. CASTILLO
PRESIDENT, PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF HYPERTENSION

MARUNONG ANG NAGTATANONG.

CALL 1-800-10-6-HEALTH
4 3 2 5 8 4

A MESSAGE OF CONCERN FROM



AND



A Division of Unilab



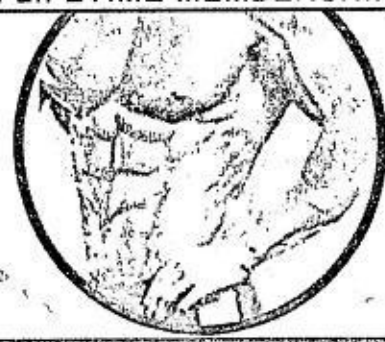
SLIMMERS WORLD

BUY 1 MONTH, GET 1 MONTH FREE!

NO MONTHLY DUES ON LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP!



PLUS!
PERSONAL TRAINING
& ALL THE
LATEST AEROBICS.



BUY 15 TREATMENTS GET 15 FREE!!!

ADVANCED LASER TREATMENT
Best Price in the Philippines.



- Wart Removal
- Skin Whitening
- Facial
- Diamond Ultrapeel
- Meso White
- Meso Rejuvenation
- Mesotherapy
- Meso-lift
- Nutracell-face
- Ultimate Body Whitening
- Sclerotherapy
- Laser Acne Treatment
- Acne Surgery

INTRODUCING...

ULTRALIFT

Look 5 YEARS YOUNGER IN JUST 30 MINUTES.

CALL OUR ONE-STOP
SUPER CENTERS FOR
FITNESS, SKIN, BODY
AND FACE.

FITNESS HOTLINE: 536-3333

SKIN HOTLINE: 525-8771

MOBILE NUMBER: 091-SLIMMERS (75466377)

www.slimmersworld.com.ph inquire@slimmersworld.com.ph

ADRIATICO-MALATE
May
5360619/5259891
0921 4669423

ALABANG
Gehina
8090395/7750587
0918 3912510

BINONDO
Carol
2421312/2420728
0917 8224399

CALOOCAN
Olive
3657653
0915 8804668

CEBU
Juna
231 3254
0915 8797217

GREENHILLS
Jane
7266505/7261526
0917 8261204

H.V. DELA COSTA
Emily
8140138/8140151
0928 2107247

LEGASPI VILL
Lani
8938935
0928 9719938

MEGAMALL
Ruby
6313869/6377543
0916 2479753

PASAY ROAD
Maan
8871335/8873530
0915 6893088

PASIG
Michelle
6815333/6473816
0928 4763108

SM NORTH
Michelle
9295429/9264215
0905 2690717

SUBIC
Beth
2526514
0928 6712299

Per DTI-NCR Permit #3386, Series of 2007

GMA, Burmese prime minister meet before summit

From page A1

Their agenda is my agenda in Singapore: Energy independence, environmental stewardship, a strong economy and a commitment to human rights," she said.

Aside from her bilateral talks with the Burmese prime minister, Ms Arroyo is expected to meet with Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao late tomorrow afternoon and New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark on Nov. 21.

The date of her talks with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has not been announced.

Ms Arroyo and her party are expected to return to Manila on Nov. 22.

Prepared in Cebu

Ms Arroyo noted that the groundwork for some of the major undertakings which this week's Singapore summit planned to take was done during the 12th summit held in Cebu.

"We are proud to announce that Asean is making progress on each and every initiative we started in Cebu—and this is good news for the Philippines. We are determined to complete in Singapore what we started in Cebu," she said.

Among the Philippine initiatives that have been included in the charter are the preamble on Asean being a socially responsible community and the group's pledge to promote closer cooperation in education, science and technology.

The Philippines also batted for the establishment of an Asean human rights body.

The Asean charter was drafted during the Cebu summit.

Economic master plan

Other documents expected to be signed by Asean leaders are the declarations on economic cooperation, environmental protection and the problem of climate change.

The Asean economic blueprint is a master plan that details specific actions to promote the free movement of goods, services, investment, skilled labor and capital by 2015.

"Asean is becoming a more cohesive regional powerhouse that will enhance the interests of each member nation and provide balance to the rise of China as well as to our traditional relationship with North America and Europe," Ms Arroyo said.

"We are committed to advance our commitment to human rights, propel our commitment to a healthy environment led by energy self sufficiency and continue to strengthen our economic comeback," she added.

Ms Arroyo said she would also work to help address the concerns of the overseas Filipino worker.

Filipino professionals

Other agreements expected to be signed at the ministerial level include the Asean Mutual Recognition Agreement on architectural services and the Asean MRA on surveying qualifications.

Philippine Foreign Assistant Secretary Luis Cruz said Filipino professionals were expected to benefit greatly from the MRAs.



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is welcomed by Singaporean Ministers Yu-Foo Yee Shoon and Lim Cheng Hoe upon her arrival at the VIP Terminal at Changi International Airport.

MALACANANG-PCPO

"We are building a borderless community (where there) is free flow of goods and in this case free flow of services," he said.

"One of the expected developments (this) week is the signing of the mutual recognition agreements covering architects and surveyors."

With the MRAs, architects and surveyors from member-states no longer need to take licensure examinations in the other Asean countries for them to practice their professions in each other's territory.

"Many Filipinos will benefit from these MRAs. In Singapore alone, there are many skilled architects and surveyors," Cruz said.

There are two existing MRAs—those for engineers and for nurses.

Commercial flight

Ms Arroyo took a commercial plane to Singapore, sharing the flight with close to about 180 passengers of Philippine Airlines Flight PR 501.

It was one of the few times that Ms Arroyo flew on a commercial flight for an overseas official trip. In past trips abroad, she usually went on chartered PAL flights, or used a Learjet for domestic trips.

Of Ms Arroyo's 58-member entourage, 17 took business class while the rest, including security and staff, were in economy. In the VIP cabin were Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, Trade Secretary Peter Favila and Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo.

The President's daughter Luli arrived at the airport with her mother minutes before the 2:40 p.m. flight. Ms Arroyo was the last to board the plane.

Host Singapore's Foreign Minister George Yeo said the Asean leaders' informal dinner on Monday would be "the critical meeting" for adopting a common position on Burma.

"That's a family dinner, there will be no

officials present; there will be no closed-circuit television. It's just the leaders meeting among themselves. We expect Myanmar to be discussed at that meeting," he said.

Pressure on Asean

The 10-nation Asean is under tremendous pressure from its trading partners, the United States and Europe, over Burma.

US Trade Representative Susan Schwab, who arrived on Sunday for a meeting with Asean economic ministers, will underscore Washington's concerns over the junta's "failure to make a serious commitment ... to civilian democratic rule," the US Embassy said in a statement.

Southeast Asian leaders are hoping Burma will not completely overshadow the summit agenda and detract from key objectives: progress on free trade, controlling climate change, and formally transforming Asean into a legal entity by adopting the Asean charter.

The charter calls for setting up a regional human rights body. But it contains no punitive measures for rogue members violating human rights, which effectively lets Burma off the hook.

"I'm not sure if it will have teeth but it will certainly have a tongue," Yeo said. "It will certainly have moral influence if nothing else."

Asean's 10 members—Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam—range from very poor to the moderately rich. They also span a vast political spectrum, including democracies, a monarchy, military rules and a communist regime.

Many of its members still see more value in bilateral deals to avoid being bogged down by partners moving slowly on liberalization. *With reports from Christine O. Avendaño, Tarra V. Quismundo and AP*

Preserve your precious videos. Before it's too late
Let us convert your tapes into discs!

Betamax VHS Hi8 Digital VHS-C 8mm → into DVD or VCD

We also convert PAL to NTSC; Cassette / LP to CD.
CD & DVD Duplication / Replication / Editing / Slideshows

CopyTown

MAKATI: 2F Goldcrest Bldg.
489-2123, 0928-777-9777
ALABANG: Casa Susana Bldg.
Madrigal Ave, Alabang Town Ctr
807-2238 / 807-2678

Only 35 days left before Christmas. Beat the holiday rush now!

smartbook TURBO
14.1" Ultra-Bright LCD • 1GB Memory • 80GB SATA HDD

only **P3,999*** per month

GET YOURS NOW!
Buy now, pay next year!

CONTACT US:
ADVANCE MICROSYSTEMS CORPORATION
11/F East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Pasig City
PHONE (632) 635-4181 • FAX (632) 635-3049
E-MAIL sales@n1smartbook.com

**WHICH IS DIRTIER:
CELLPHONE OR TOILET SEAT?**

MEDICAL FACT:
YOUR CELLPHONE IS 400 TIMES
DIRTIER THAN YOUR TOILET SEAT!

**Sher ANTIBACTERIAL
ELECTRONIC GADGET CLEANER**
The First and Only Solution Designed to Remove Dirt
and Bacterial Deposits on your cellphones and computers.

USED BY LEADING
CALL CENTERS***

**NOW AVAILABLE
NATIONWIDE**

OR E-MAIL US:
sher@sherdanphilippines.com

FOR DEALERSHIP
CALL: MANILA (02)376-5840
CEBU (032)346-8441
BACOLOD (034)434-2780
ILOILO (033)337-0965
CAGAYAN (088)856-9292
DAVAO (082)222-0067

**Sick of
LEAKS?**

Consult the expert...

Dr. SEAL

Dr. SEAL is an acrylic,
permanent waterproofing
membrane that:

- Protects old and new concrete
- Prevents corrosion of metal

WATER BASED **EXTRA STRONG IN JOINTS** **BRIDGES CRACKS**

Rich Innovation Marketing Inc.
Tel: 733-3017, 733-1763 (Lk) 730-4540

New Manila Hardware
Tel: 733-2155, 733-2148, 733-1072 Fax: 735-1787

Now available at leading hardware stores, Home Depot branches and D.I.Y. centers

Gov'ts, traders told: Prepare for single Asean market

From page A1

ness eroded furthermore," Cambodian Commerce Minister Cham Prasidh told a gathering of business leaders ahead of the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) summit, which opens on Monday in Singapore.

Faced with increasing competition from Asia's economic powerhouses China and India, the 10-member regional association agreed last year to form an economic community by 2015 with a single market for the free flow of goods, services, investments and skilled labor.

The Cambodian minister asked why Asean members were not able to compete with India and China.

"It's because goods from one province of China go to another province without paying duty. That's why the China product is very competitive," Cham Prasidh said.

"Now, if we in Asean, we behave like we are one province ... we are going to have, at the end of the road, a very competitive bloc."

Asean has a market of more than half a billion people with a combined gross domestic product more than US\$500 billion (euro341 billion). Its members are Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Like wedding ceremony

Cham Prasidh said Asean's plans to adopt a charter aimed at giving the bloc a legal identity was like a "wedding ceremony" that marked an important step toward market integration.

"It means now you have responsibility, vis-a-vis your counterpart, or spouse ... because now we're legally tied together," he said.

Asean leaders are also expected to sign on Tuesday an economic blueprint that will set out milestones for removing trade barriers among member nations.

"Either Asean gets into the act or integration will bypass Asean, and integration will involve new players like China and India and other emerging economies," Singapore Trade Minister Lim Hng Kiang said.

"In a way we are setting up the framework, in a way we are also playing catch-up," Lim said.

"The thinking is that Asean has this window of opportunity in the next three to five years to get this economic integration done, so as to be able to compete with India and with China."

Skepticism

Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Pangestu conceded there was skepticism over whether Asean could effectively implement the plan to free up trade, given the concerns by businesses that a single regional market would increase competition.

"How do we consummate this marriage? Quite frankly, it's not going to be easy," said Pangestu, who also addressed the conference. "Not all business people are gung-ho about Asean economic integration."

She said domestic businesses would have to improve their ability to upgrade productivity and innovation and meet changing expectations of their customers for delivery of their goods.

Piyush Gupta, the Singapore country officer for US financial giant Citigroup, said the next few years would be "crucial" for Asean.

"The charter signing in the next couple of days and this thrust to getting the 2015 economic community is make or break," he told the forum on Saturday.

"I think it's really crucial that over the next three, four years, we start putting our money where our mouth is and starting getting this community to function like a community."

Short-term goals

For its part, the Asian Development Bank said Asean should set short-term goals to

convince skeptical investors that members of the regional grouping could integrate their economies by 2015.

"(Intermediate targets) can be a way to facilitate the road to an Asean economic community by 2015," ADB president Haruhiko Kuroda told Reuters on Sunday.

For instance, Asean could free up trade and investment among member countries ahead of 2015 and leave more complex issues such as capital controls to a later date, Kuroda said.

He acknowledged that Asean's 40-year track record in meeting previous commitments had been poor but said the leaders of the 10-member bloc appeared determined to forge an economic union to boost competitiveness in the face of the rise of China and India.

Kuroda said countries, such as Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, should reduce or eliminate fuel subsidies and replace them with direct support for poor families most affected by higher energy costs.

"In general, subsidies do not make sense," he said, noting they encouraged overconsumption to the detriment of both the environment and government finances.

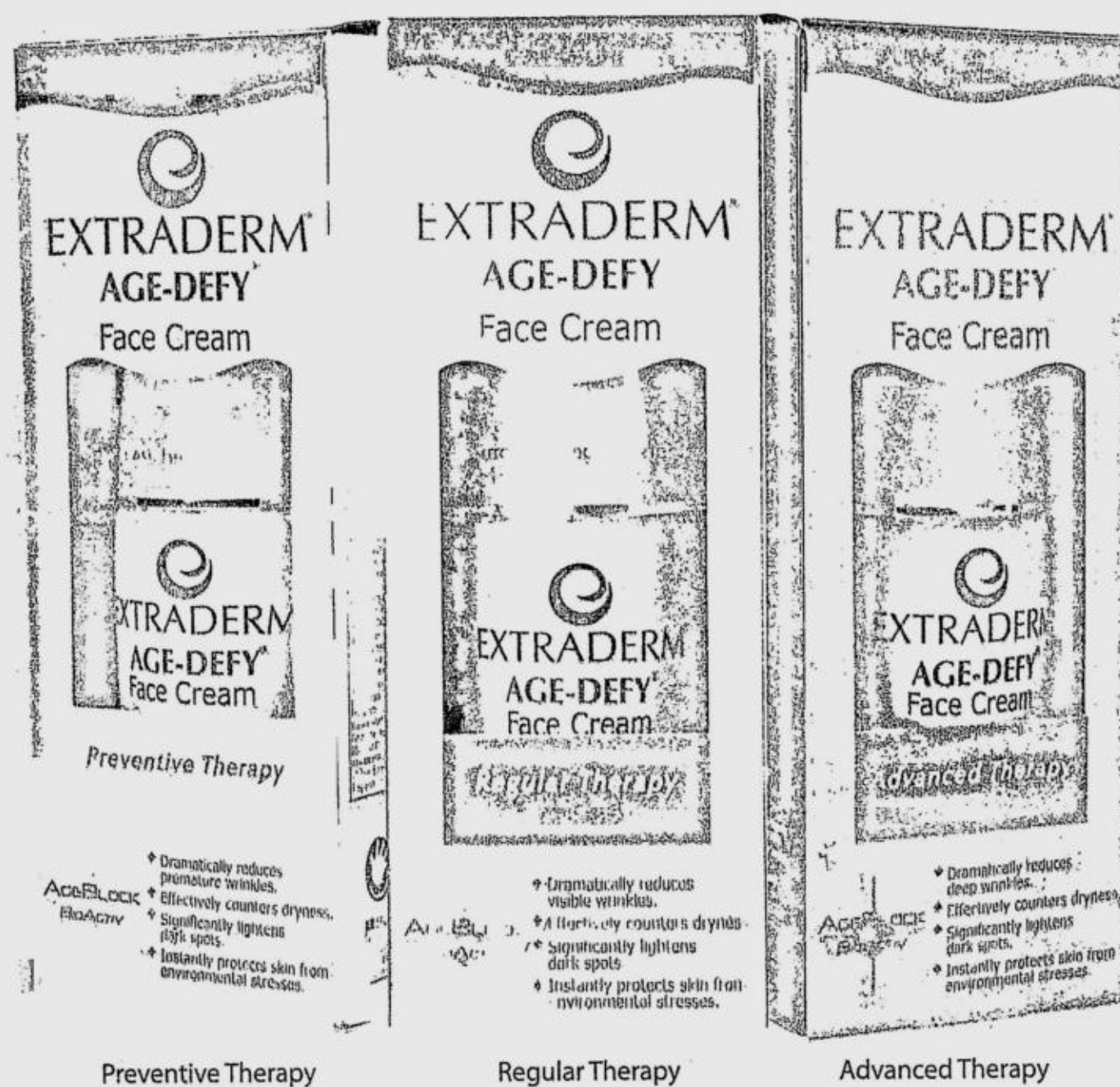
US slowdown

Kuroda also said oil prices close to \$100 a barrel, along with a slowing economy in the United States, could hurt Asian economic growth in coming months even though growth in Asia, excluding Japan, this year may exceed the ADB's forecast of 8.3 percent.

"If the US economy has a very serious slowdown or recession, then Asean economies would be seriously affected and growth rates would slow down," he said.

While increased regional trade and improved domestic demand had reduced Southeast Asia's dependence on the well-being of the US economy, this did not mean that Asia had "decoupled" from the world's top economy, as some economists have suggested. *Reports from AP, AFP and Reuters*

Ang galing ng Pinoy ay nasa bagong



Extraderm Age-Defy Face Cream

The new Extraderm Age-Defy Face Cream offers the price of youthful beauty within everyone's reach. Extraderm takes anti-aging to the next level by going further than other brands, reducing even deep wrinkles and creases. The combination of SPF 20 and anti-oxidants keeps skin protected from dust, pollutants and harmful UV rays. It's time to join the ranks of real women getting real results from the power of Extraderm Age-Defy Face Cream.

Ang galing ng Pinoy ay nasa bagong



Another quality **innovation** from a truly world-class Filipino company.

GREAT DISCOUNT ON SELECTED CERAMIC TILES

Promo extended until November 30, 2007

UP TO
50% OFF



Pat. D/L/PCR Permit No. 3975 series of 2007

DEXTERTON

Dexterton Corporation

Makati Showroom:
4/F Legaspi Bldg. 8747 Paseo
de Roxas, Makati Tel: 817-8686
Email: info@dexterton.com

Quezon City Showroom:
157 Sgt. E. Rivera St., O.C.
Tel: 362-1111, Fax: 362-0524
Website: www.dexterton.com

A8

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

Environmentalists want more action

BLUE BOZ WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY
"Your Strategic Partner in Water Station Business"

NOW AVAILABLE
• PURIFIED WATER SYSTEM
• MINERAL WATER SYSTEM
• ALKALINE WATER SYSTEM

We offer different package to fit your **BUDGET... CALL NOW!!!**

Issuance of CPR- (Certificate of Product Registration)
"As Required By" DOH- (Department of Health)
BHDT- (Bureau of Health Device Technology)

Franchise Now!
Independent are also welcome.

(Member)
PHILIPPINE FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION
(Member)
WATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION

FOR INQUIRIES, CALL: 634-1207 / 408-6766
CP#(0921)582-0279 Look for RUEL BULOS
Unit 107 Parc Royale Condominium, Jade St., Ortigas Center, Pasig City

"ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR WATER STORE NEEDS"

SUPPORT SERVICE PRODUCTS
Reverse Osmosis
Carbon Filter
Ultra Blue Membrane
A.O. Membrane
and UV Lamp

Cap & Plastic
Cap Seal
Heating
Pet Bottles
PC Box
Caustic
and Boil
TABLET
Water Dispers
HOT & COLD
Water Dispers

"Safe Water for a Better Life"

From page A1

ment is any indication, Asean has no intention to go beyond mere rhetoric. This response is not commensurate to the scale and severity of the climate crisis," Ballesteros said.

"The declaration recognizes the severe impacts of climate change and yet the steps it is proposing fall far short of decisive action. Worse, it endorses false solutions such as nuclear power and supposedly cleaner fossil fuels."

Troubling

Ballesteros called the lack of substance especially troubling as Asean member Indonesia would be hosting a crucial United Nations climate change conference next month in Bali.

"The very meeting that will determine the fate of the planet is taking place in Asean's backyard," she said.

Delegates to the Bali conference will try to thrash out a new deal to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012, after the Nobel-winning UN climate panel warned that the impact of global warming could be "abrupt or irreversible."

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said he hoped this week's Asean and East Asia summits would build momentum toward the Bali meeting.

"Southeast Asia can also play an important role in climate change mitigation because of its rich forestry resources," which can absorb carbon dioxide emissions, Lee told the Straits Times newspaper.

But Senga said the 16 nations invited to the East Asia Summit—including Japan, which he called the world's most energy efficient country—could make deeper commitments in the post-Kyoto Protocol era.

India is the world's fourth biggest producer of wind energy and the Philippines is the world's second largest geothermal energy producer, while China is an emerging solar power producer, he said.

"Members of the East Asia Summit and Asean have the technologies and experience that they can share with each other," Senga said. "But right now, there are no workable mechanisms by which these countries can help each other."

Senga called on Asean and its partners to cooperate more fully so they can "harness these strengths of individual countries in terms of sustainable energy."

Intensifying pressure

With just over two weeks left before the crucial 11-day forum in Indonesia, decision-makers are under intensifying pressure to do something about greenhouse gases—and do it quickly.

The starkest warning of all came on Saturday from the top UN scientists, gathered under the Nobel-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Summarizing a massive review of the evidence, the IPCC declared it was more than 90-percent sure that humans were to blame for rising temperatures.

On current trends, the panel

said, surging emissions of greenhouse gases will relentlessly warm Earth's atmosphere, damaging ice and snow cover and causing the oceans to expand and thus rise—and the impacts could be "abrupt or irreversible."

In such a scenario, mankind would face wide-ranging misery in the form of crop failure, storm damage and ill health as drought, floods, cyclones, mosquito pests and water-borne disease become more frequent or intensive, it added.

The sober, neutrally worded report by this prestigious group gives little "wiggle room" for politicians to deny or play down the global warming issue.

In political terms, it is the equivalent of a blast from a sawn-off shotgun as environment ministers prepare for Bali, where they will be asked to agree a two-year "road map" of negotiations for accelerating cuts in greenhouse gases.

Those clamoring for action at the Dec. 3-14 Bali talks include the European Union, which is leading a charge to halve global emissions by the middle of the century compared to 1990 levels.

Political reality

Behind the ponderous scientific data, however, lurk the quicksilver shades of political reality.

The negotiation "road map" sketched at Bali must satisfy the European Union, Japan and Canada and other countries that want deep, fast-track cuts in emissions.

But it also has to meet the positions of the United States and China, which together account for roughly half of all carbon emissions.

For different reasons, both countries are refusing to sign up to targeted pledges for curbing their dangerous pollution.

China, a voracious burner of coal, says it cannot afford any measures that imperil its long rise out of poverty, even though it is acutely aware of the global warming crisis.

Beijing also argues that, even if it is poised to surpass the United States as the world's top carbon dioxide emitter, rich countries are historically to blame for the global warming.

Asking developing nations in the throes of robust economic growth—including India, Brazil and Mexico—to simply end their use of fossil fuels is unfair, according to these countries.

The oil-addicted United States—which emits twice as much carbon dioxide per capita as Europe—abandoned the Kyoto Protocol under President George W. Bush in 2001 and is fiercely opposed to any mandatory approach for tackling emissions.

Washington is pushing for a voluntary, technology-led tack to reduce carbon dioxide, with particular focus on sectors such as energy, transport, steel making and the cement industry.

Accommodating all these different positions will be a massive undertaking, a juggling act complicated further by terrible pressures of time. **AFP**

A Must for Parents & Teachers

PHILIPPINE
ASSOCIATION
FOR THE

GIFTED

invites you to its

10th Annual Convention-Workshop "Teaching the Game of High Achievement"

Plenary Speaker

Dr. Maureen Neihart

Clinical Child Psychologist

Co-editor, "The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Children: What Do We Know?"



Maureen Neihart
Co-editor of the book

Maureen Neihart, Psy.D. is a licensed clinical child psychologist with more than twenty-five years of experience in counseling high-ability children.

She is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Gifted in the U.S. Presently, Dr. Neihart serves on the editorial boards of the Gifted Child Quarterly, Roeper Review, and Journal of Secondary Gifted Education.

Keynote speaker: Sen. Edgardo Angara

November 28, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sapphire A & B, Crowne Plaza
Galleria Manila
Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City

**Promil
Pre-School**

	Early Registration	On-site
Non-member	Php 1,600	Php 1,800
Member	1,400	1,600
Students	(special rate)	

Fee includes convention kit, lunch and snacks.

Payments accepted thru BPI with Savings Acct. 4983-0008-57
Acct. Name - Philippine Association for the Gifted

For inquiries, contact 687-1122 / 0927-5979103, e-mail pagifted@yahoo.com or visit www.freewebs.com/pagconvention.2007

Major Sponsor:

SMART
THE POWER TO LEAD

Minor Sponsors:

MSA



Weddings, etc.

Romualdez said LIBRE would have theme supplements catering

to specific needs of commuters, such as weddings and other occasions or additional pages for specialized topics like pets.

LIBRE is given free Monday to Friday to commuters of the Light Railway Transits 1 and 2 and the Metro Railway Transit in stations with high commuter volumes.

It is also distributed at the WGA SuperFerry, the Eva Macapagal port and selected McDonald's stores between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

LIBRE has a circulation of 110,000 copies with no returns as audited by SGV and Co. during the period of June 2005 to June 2006. It has a pass-on readership of four persons per copy.

Since November 2001, LIBRE has beaten three competitors that were also distributed free of charge in both the LRT and MRT stations.

They include the Metro News given away on a weekly basis in MRT stations, Pasa 'Yo which started in 2005 and lasted just over a year, and Standard Express which folded recently, also after a run of more than a year. **Cathy Yamsuan**

Libre turns 6 ...

From page A1

sections that will give families more choices on how to enjoy their time together even with a limited budget. We want to feature stories that will bring more bang for the buck," she said.

This following observations that working parents, especially in urban areas, want to spend more quality time with their families but are looking for more variety other than the consumerist mall experience.

"We want to frame things and stories to fit specific budgets so LIBRE can be more helpful in answering the needs of families, direct them to what is available so they can make better choices," Romualdez said.

Aside from this more leisurely slant, she added that LIBRE would also focus on information and issues relevant to working class commuters, such as classified ads for jobs and services.

Singapore seeks scholars

THE SINGAPORE Embassy is accepting applications for the Singapore Scholarship for academic year 2008-09. The undergraduate scholarships awarded by the Singapore government are to the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and the Singapore Management University. Except for Medicine and Dentistry, all other disciplines are open to scholars.

Each grant is for three to four years, depending on the discipline, and covers tuition, living allowance of S\$4,300 (around P142,000) per year and return airfare. Scholars will be selected on

the basis of academic merit, leadership qualities and potential to contribute to Philippine development. They are expected to return to their homeland upon graduation. Applications must

be submitted on the prescribed form available at the Singapore Embassy at The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City, or downloaded from the website: <http://www.mfa.gov.sg/scp>.

PANASONIC
P14,500

- 3 Lines 8 Locals
- 8 Lines 40 Locals
- 16 Lines 64 Locals
- 500 Locals Expandable

SPECIAL PROMO!!!
FREE DEMO

Intel Communication Corp.
316 Aurelio Building 1, 9th Avenue, Calabcan City
363-1083 • 364-8277

Panasonic
PABX Telephone System

- Call Transfer
- Music-On-Hold
- Call Privacy
- Intercom

888-888-8888
822-9073-77

NIDEKA Made in JAPAN
BUNDY CLOCK

- 2 Color Printing
- Built-in Back up Battery
- Uses Standard Time Cards
- 1 Year Warranty on Parts and Service

INFINITE SYSTEMS Call for FREE DEMO
822-9073-77
Visit our website at www.bundy-clock.com.ph | www.infinite-systems.net

THE GENERICS PHARMACY
MARISA RD, MATIPID DA III

20% DISCOUNT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

10-30

Amoxicillin cap 500mg 4.50 Metformin tab 500mg 1.70
Carbocisteine cap 500mg 1.80 Paracetamol tab 500mg 0.50
Clibenclamide tab 5mg 1.50 Simvastatin tab 20mg 12.00
Mefenamic cap 500mg 1.40 Vit B-Complex tab 1.70

NOW HIRING LICENSED PHARMACEUTICALS

QUEZON CITY (11) 459 Quezon Ave corner Bantawa St. 395-5184 (MAIN)
(12) 157 A. Bonifacio Avenue corner Pag-asa St. 411-3002;
(13) Lung Center Compound, Quezon Ave 024-8101 loc 500
(14) 28 P. Bernardo St (formerly Arayat St) Cubao 489-0797
(15) 2802-B Tala Ave cor. Protacio St. 556-2108
(16) RL Hotel, 812 EDSA Mallbay 853-8305
(17) 24-B Industria corner Comercio Kapasigan 0918-520-2644
(18) Unit 2 Urbano Velasco St. Pasigubatan 407-2444
(19) Justice Jenson St. cor. Lope K Santos San Joaquin 974-1583
(20) Gran Via Central, Tierra Nevada, Gen Trias 0922-992-6759
MANILA (21) 2653 Juan Luna St. Capatzen, Tondo 0923-314-1914;
(22) 806 Arlegui St. Quilapo 0921-950-0208;
(23) Gate 34 Area C Zone 25 Brgy 273 Ferale Biondo 535-3542
(24) 1 Bernardo St. cor. Bravo St. Signal Village 020-200-2180
MALABON (25) Ever Supermarket, Gov. Pascual cor. MH del Pilar 287-4653
BATANGAS (26) CM Recto cor. Kap Simeon Luz Brgy 6 Lipa 0918-558-7478
BULACAN (27) Lower Northern Hills, Malinao, Nuevauyuan 495-3200
CALOCAN (28) 167 JP Rizal, Maypa 492-9228
MANDALUYONG (29) 153 P. Cruz St. Brgy. New Zeniga 535-3542
PASAY (30) 165 Quirino Avenue, Barilan 0917-812-0513

FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP (1st visit FREE) (2nd visit P100)
SPECIALTY CLINIC (DILI) (EVER) (MALABON) (M.W. THIS ST)
60 locations at www.thegenericspharmacy.com

FlexSealTM
100 % Waterproof • Self Priming

In NEW SUPERIOR PLASTIC PACKAGING

Available in 60 colors

The ALL-AROUND paint!

CAMPBRIDGE Tel: 252-0531

Get the global advantage
FREE SEMINARS

USMLE - 11/21 (MKT) 11/26 (MLA)
NCLEX / CGFNS / - 11/22 (MKT) 11/24 (QC)
TOEFL / IELTS - 11/19 (MLA)
GMAT / GRE - 11/20 (MKT)
IE BUSINESS SCHOOL - 11/20 (MKT)
CET / SAT - 11/17 (MKT / QC)
MT - 11/21 (MKT)
CAREGIVER - 11/28 (MKT)

CLASS SCHEDULES

	MAKATI	QC	MANILA
IELTS	11/26	11/22	11/22
NCLEX		11/22	11/15
NPTE	11/19		
MT	11/21		
CAREGIVER	11/21 & 23 (MKT)		

ICSEC International Cultural Studies & Education Corp.
KAPLAN Certified Education Provider World Leader in Test Prep

The Test Prep you'll ever need.

KAPLAN COURSES

- USMLE 1, 2 & 3
- NBDE 1 & 2
- CGFNS / NCLEX
- TOEFL iBT
- TOEIC

ICSEC COURSES

- CGFNS / NCLEX Test Taking Strategies
- CGFNS / NCLEX Refresher Course
- Nursing / PT Refresher Course
- Nursing / PT Test Prep Program
- Intensive English Program
- IELTS • U.S. NPTE • LET • NMAT • CET

TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Caregiver Training
- Practical Nursing
- Medical Transcription
- Teacher Training
- Call Center Training (Upcoming)

Call now to find out how to be an exclusive ICSEC - Partner Institution

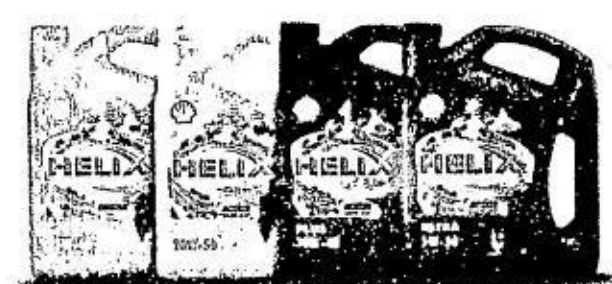
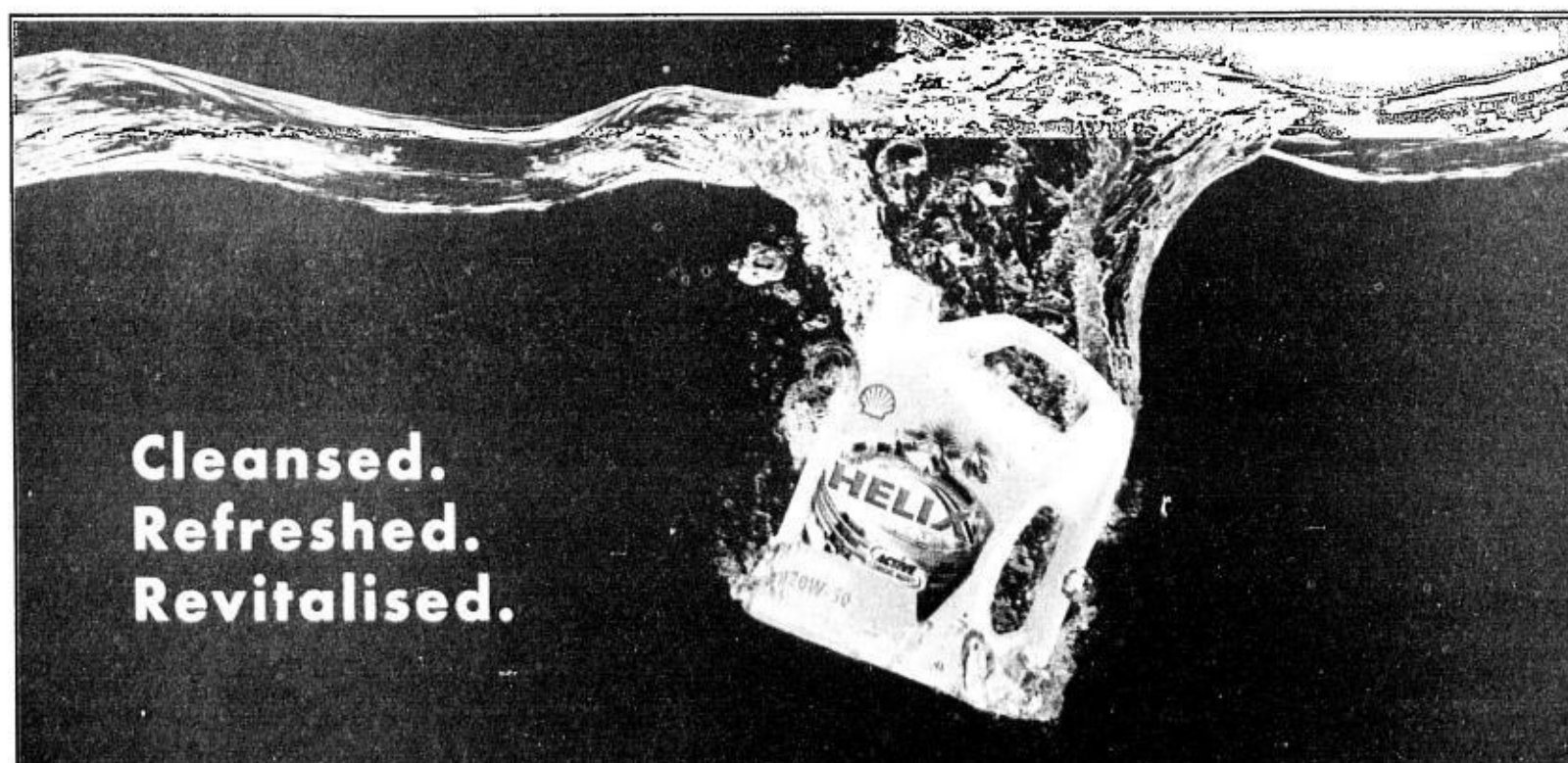
CEBU ☎(032) 254-1388
BAGUIO ☎(074) 300-1026 to 27
DAVAO ☎(082) 226-8931 or 35
Q.C. ☎(02) 371-8966 to 68
MANILA ☎(02) 735-7713 to 16
ILOILO ☎(033) 336-3155 to 56

www.LKGgroup.com.ph www.kaptest.com/philippines



Silent night, holy night...bright night!

"This season we give not gold, myrrh nor incense but maybe a bit of joy because we bring you the means to enjoy all of life's gifts. We're glad that you've always been our guiding star in our over 100 years of delivering reliable electric service. Merry Christmas!"



Shell
HELIX Motor oils
GIVE YOUR CAR THAT JUST SERVICED FEELING



By Margaux C. Ortiz

the Philippines," Libanan, a former congressman who was a principal author of Republic Act No. 9225 or the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act, said.

Libanan said Congress passed the law in 2003 but the BI started processing applications only in April 2004 after Malacañang designated the bureau the law's lead implementing agency.

He explained that under the act, natural-born Filipinos who became naturalized citizens of other countries were deemed not to have lost their Philippine citizenship.

He said that of the 42,879 applications for dual citizenship that had been approved, 14,479 were filed at the BI main office in Intramuros while 28,400 were submitted in the various Philippine consulates abroad.

He said the law was enacted in line with the thrust of the Arroyo administration to encourage former Filipinos to return to the land of their birth and buy property and invest in business.

"As a result, these former Pinoys are again enjoying their rights and privileges as citizens of

Under the revised rules, applicants for dual citizenship are no longer obliged to submit a birth certificate from the National Statistics Office to prove that they are natural-born Filipinos.

Instead, an applicant may submit a birth certificate from the civil registrar of his birthplace and other documents, such as an old Philippine passport, voter's affidavit or marriage contract to prove that he is a natural-born Filipino.

Ex-Lourd principal dies at 64

CESAR R. AUNARIO, a former teacher and ex-principal of Lourdes School Quezon City, died after suffering a massive stroke on Friday. He was 64.

Aunario taught Algebra, Trigonometry and Physics to Lourdes high school students in the 1960s and '70s prior to his appointment as Lourdes elementary school principal.

His body lies at the Marian Memorial Chapels along Marco Highway near the St. Lucia mall and Town and Country Homes.

	BANGKOK	HONGKONG	SINGAPORE
ROUNDTRIP	\$168	\$158	\$208
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 HONGKONG 75 BANGKOK 75 KUALA LUMPUR 95 SINGAPORE 95 JAKARTA 95 SHANGHAI 105 TAIPEI 695 SYDNEY 758 SFOLAX 798 VANCOUVER 878 LAS VEGAS 	3Days 2Nights \$168	4Days 3Nights \$158	4Days 3Nights \$208
MACAU-ZHUNE	\$258 4Days 3Nights		
Y.K.-ASIA TOUR	\$458 4Days 3Nights		

Spent your Christmas in Bracary

P6,118

Per Pax Min of 2

30-20% off Standard room

RT Land & Boat Transfer

Welcome drinks & daily breakfast

AIRLINE		ACTING PACKAGES	
HONGKONG \$80 PR \$112	SIN+BANGKOK+HONGKONG	\$ 439	
BANGKOK \$80-PR \$132	BANGKOK+SINGAPORE	\$ 498	
R. LUMPUK (5J) \$ 70	KUALA LUMPUR-BANGKOK	\$ 448	
WEST (LAST 500) NW \$50	HONGKONG+SHENZHEN (PAL)	\$ 199	
EAST COAST \$658	2N HKG+SHENZHEN w/ DISNEY \$ 248		
SI OUL \$398	KUALA LUMPUR+HONGKONG	\$ 448	
SHANGHAI BEIJING \$328	2Nites BANGKOK	\$ 168	
NETARITA \$388	2Nites SINGAPORE	\$ 198	
EUROPE \$718	3Nites SHANGHAI PKG (PAL)	\$ 408	
AUSTRALIA \$132	3Nites BEIJING PKG (PAL)	\$ 418	
GUAN \$528	KUALA LUMPUR (5J)	\$ 168	
VANCOUVER \$528	2Nites SAIGON PKG	\$ 258	
BORACAY 4199	6DAYS BAL + BRUNEI PKG	\$ 380	
PALAWAN 2999 / DAWAO 2999	BAL+ SINGAPORE PACKAGE	\$ 539	
BOHOL 2688/CEBU 2998			
CEBU+BOHOL 1998			
E. LINDO 20 999			

MBC TOURS AND TRAVEL SERVICES
 2/P MC Bldg. 1095 Pablo Ocampo corner Conchu Sts., Malate, Manila
 Tel. (434-3583) / (434-3582) / 522-1107 / 521-4744 / 434-3581
 092828601109 / 09172755128 mco_tourstravelservices@yahoo.com

X-MAS BLOCKINGS VIA PAL			
BANGKOK			\$315
HONGKONG			\$438
SINGAPORE			\$485
40 MACAU/HONGKONG/SZHEN	\$195	40Days SHENZHEN	\$135
3D HONGKONG FREE & EASY	\$195	4Days BANGKOK	\$129
3D HONGKONG WIDENSTY	\$195	4D KUALA LUMPUR	\$176
4D MACAU + ZHUHAI	\$270	4Days SINGAPORE	\$176
4D MACAU+GENTING HIGHLANDS	\$270	4Days MACAU	\$228
4D BANGKOK+KATTA	\$225	4D SAIGON (via PAL)	\$230
4D SIN-HUALU+INDONESIA (via PAL)	\$295	4Days BEIJING (via NQ)	\$216
6D SHANGHAI+BEIJING	\$295	5Days SHANGHAI	\$156
7D KUALA+ SINGAPORE	\$295		
KUALA LUMPUR			
HONGKONG	\$190	SHANGHAI	\$190
SINGAPORE	\$190	GUAM	\$110
BANGKOK	\$190	NAOGYA	\$190
		NARITA	\$190
AUSTRALIA			
		SAN FRANCISCO	\$420
		LOS ANGELES	\$420
		NEW YORK	\$420

TRAVEL PLAZA INCORPORATED		W 21
THROMA FLIGHTS		
HKG/BKK/HUL/MAU	\$ 70	
SINGAPORE/JAKARTA	\$ 90	
TAIPEI/CANTON/XMN	\$ 50	
SAIGON	\$ 120	
JAPAN	\$ 365	
SYD/HKG	\$ 90	
SHANGHAI	\$ 457	
NEW LAND	\$ 520	
LOS ANGELES	\$ 540	
SAN FRANCISCO	\$ 505	
NEW YORK	\$ 540	
HONOLULU	\$ 545	
VANCOUVER	\$ 610	
GUAM	\$ 540	
EXPENSE FLIGHTS		
BOHOL PKG	P 6390	
CEBU PKG	P 6390	
DAVAO PKG	P 6935	
CEBU PKG	P 6040	
3NITES SHANGHAI	P 2775	
CAGAYAN PKG	P 7270	
INTERNATIONAL PKG		
2NITES HONGKONG	\$ 171	
2N HKG W/ DISNEY DAY TOUR	\$ 191	
2N HKG+VERDIZEN DISNEY	\$ 236	
2N HKG+SHENZHEN W/ DISNEY	\$ 299	
2NITES BANGKOK	\$ 171	
BANGKOK+PATTAYA	\$ 173	
2NITES SINGAPORE	\$ 107	
2N NIALA LUMPUR+GENTING	\$ 233	
3N SINGAPORE+HUALA+INDONESIA	\$ 283	
3NITES SAIGON	\$ 263	
3NITES SHANGHAI	\$ 278	
3NITES BEIJING	\$ 365	
(ALL PACKAGES EXCLUDING TAXES)		
OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TICKET PACKAGES are available.		
ASSISTANCE & Other documentation needs		

WISSE BACK TO HIGH VOLTAGE VILLAGE

HONGKONG

LAND ARRANGEMENT OF 10 TRACEDS (24 HOURS) (24 HOURS) (24 HOURS) (24 HOURS)

GRAND RAMADA	\$ 95	\$111	\$123
SEACOR	\$155	\$168	\$180
IMPERIAL	\$155	\$168	\$180
MARCOPELO	\$230	\$243	\$255

SHANGHAI VILLAGE PAC FULL BOARD 4D/3N
\$200 **\$223 \$303** **\$232 \$410** **\$383 \$470**

FREE & EASY **DAY TOUR DISNEY** **OVN DISNEY**
 10/1 TUE/1 10/1 TUE/1 10/1 TUE/1
\$200 **\$223 \$303** **\$232 \$410** **\$383 \$470**

BEIJING VILLAGE PAC FULL BOARD 4D/3N
\$408 **\$201 \$266** **\$308 \$372** **\$189**

BEIJING VILLAGE PAC FULL BOARD 4D/3N
\$408 **\$201 \$266** **\$308 \$372** **\$189**

HKG BLOCKINGS
DECEMBER 27-30
VIA CATHAY PACIFIC

BANGKOK \$171
BANGKOK-PATTAYA \$216
SINGAPORE 4D/3N \$1197
SINGAPORE-HK/SEA/INDONESIA \$235

TICKET PRICE

MAU AU	0 05	MIAMI	0 70	NEW TULSA	\$633
BANGKOK	0 88	SHANGHAI	1 15	YANBU	\$603
BANGKOK	0 09	SEUL	\$445	YANGON	\$633
SINGAPORE	0 15	TOKYO	\$430	HONGKONG	\$633
TAIPEI	0 70	ANGKLES	\$580	PORT	\$725
JAKARTA	1 15	INDONESIA	\$1197	INDONESIA	\$725

DOMESTIC VISITS/MINDANAO CEBU PACIFIC/NIGROS NAVIGATION

MOTTA HOLIDAYS

PASAY BRANCH
 Tel. No. 535-7941 / 42 / 43-4582

SMITHS HOLIDAYS
 434-8542 / 43-4582 / 43-4582

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

email: mottaholidays@yahoo.com

HONGKONG VIA CEBU PACIFIC **\$70**
 + 1N SHENZHEN
 W/ DISNEYLAND ADD **\$51**
 3D/2N PURE HKG VIA CEBU PACIFIC **\$135** **ADD**
 VIA PHIL. AIRLINES **\$190** VIA CATHY **\$200** **ADD**
SHANGHAI 4D/3N **\$141** **BEIJING** 4D/3N **\$261**
BANGKOK 3D/2N W/ LUNCH **\$100**
 W/ 1N PATTAYA **\$150**
 3D/2N VIA CEBU PACIFIC **\$150**
SINGAPORE +MALAYSIA+INDONESIA ADD **\$76**
BORACAY 3D/2N VIA SJ **P1,816** **BOHOL** 3D/2N VIA SJ **P2,100**
 3D/2N VIA SJ **P1,846** **BUKALARA** **P2,100**
BLOCKINGS 3D/2N BORACAY+BFST **P1,300** **QUAO**
DEC/31 LAND ARRANGMENT ONLY VILLA TYPE P1,200/TPT PLAZA THIN

FRIEND TICKET	HONGKONG	\$70	SECURE/320	GUAM	\$158	
	SINGAPORE	\$150	BEIJING	\$220	XIAOFO	\$350
	KUALA LUMPUR	\$150	TAIPEI	\$90	EASTCOST	\$350
	SHANGHAI	\$150	MACAU	\$70	NARITA	\$350
		\$180	XIAMEN	\$90	ORIENT	\$705

AMKOR TRAVEL & TOURS INC.
 OFFCN ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
 R 408 WEST CITY PLAZA BLDG. / 885 CITYLAND SHAW TOWER
 W/ WEST AVE. QUEEN CTY. / 1000 WILSON AVE. GALLERIA
3765398; 3765399 **6320203; 6313355**
4113852; 4116244 **6330003; 6318393**
0920-2438383 **0927-7957958**
 amkortravel@yahoo.com amkortravel@yahoo.com

United Tree LENDING CORP
2% CAR/TRUCK LOAN
 YR. MODEL 1992-2007
 PAY-OFF PAST DUE/W/BANK
 656-0140/4112547-48/531-5577
1 HOUR RELEASE

PACKAGE PROMOS

HONGKONG-SHENZHEN	\$ 195	SHANGHAI	\$ 325
HONGKONG FREE & EASY	\$ 280	BEIJING	\$ 350
HONGKONG-DISNEY Day Tour	\$ 292	GUAM PKG	\$ 385
BANGKOK PROMO PACKAGE	\$ 155	GUAM NCLEX	\$ 370
SINGAPORE PROMO PACKAGE	\$ 195	SAIPAN	\$ 490
		SAIPAN NCLEX	\$ 450

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS		DOMESTIC PACKAGES	
TAIPEI	\$ 50	AUSTRALIA	\$ 460
HONGKONG	\$ 70	NEW ZEALAND	\$ 730
BANGKOK	\$ 70/130	SAN FRANCISCO	\$ 515
KUALA LUMPUR	\$ 70	LOS ANGELES	\$ 550
JAKARTA	\$ 80/150	EAST COAST	\$ 665
SINGAPORE	\$ 130	VANCOUVER	\$ 620
SHANGHAI	\$ 130	TORONTO	\$ 855
		SEATTLE	\$ 855

WE OFFER OTHER INTERNATIONAL TICKETS ON ADVANCE PURCHASE PROMO

PATISSE INT'L TRAVEL & TOURS

G/F LBB2 BLDG., 1633 SAN ANDRES ST., MALATE, M.L.A.
 TEL: 4027701 to 102 / 6234354 / 5272330 / 5272348
 Fax: 4027705 E-mail: tps@1920-9475107 / 0200-1510894
 E-mail: patisselive@yahoo.com; patissetravel@yahoo.com@yahoo.com



**Philippine Hotel
Reservations Service**

HOTEL DISCOUNTS WORLDWIDE!

Savings at over 400 PHILIPPINE hotels and
20,000+ INTERNATIONAL destinations!
No more calling hotels directly!

Call 812-PHRS (812-7477)
Text 0928-984-3664

Mon-Sun 9-9

Instant Confirmation for the long weekend holidays!
We still have rooms available for these holidays at your favorite destinations
like Boracay, Cebu, Bohol, Tagaytay, Subic, Baguio...
Goodie Day (Fri-Sun), Christmas Day (Sat-Mon), and New Year's Eve (Fri-Tue)
New ready for booking! Hquees, Villas, Condos and Apartment

**YOUR
COPIER
SOLUTIONS**

Ho! Ho! Ho! Deals!


Canon NP6050
50 cpm
P 55,000.00


Ricoh FT-3013
13 cpm
P 14,000.00

SALES • SERVICE • SUPPLIES

COPYTRADE®

749.8155 to 56 • 781.3472 • 749.8216

Copytrade Bldg. 550 M.F. Jhocson St., Sampaloc, Manila

DOLJUNTS INT'L TRAVEL & TOURS				
Suite 1032 Clifton Mega Plaza Tower, 208 AB Ave. Origins Complex, Pasig City				
☎ 2140398	☎ 2140398	☎ 6872808	☎ 6872808	☎ 6872834
☎ 6872984	☎ 6872739	☎ 6872808	☎ 6872808	☎ 6872834
MOBILE: 0920-7893548, 0919-8676025 0917-6548978 agents worldwide				
BUDGET PACKAGES				
* 100% FREE AIRCRAFT SEATING				
SIENHZEN	\$129	BANGKOK	\$39	
SIENHZEN 2N + IN MACAU	\$159	HONGKONG	\$69	
HONGKONG 1N + 5N IN	\$159	MACAU	\$69	
HONGKONG (FREE)	\$149	SINGAPORE	\$49	
HONGKONG / SM / BEIJING	\$379	KUALA LUMPUR	\$89	
HONGKONG + STR CRUISES	\$349	SAIGON	\$89	
HONGKONG + STR CRUISES	\$349	SIENHZEN	\$89	
MACAU (free + entry)	\$188	BEIJING	\$49	
BUDGET FARES				
MACAU + ZHUIHAI	\$279	LOS ANGELES	\$549	
MACAU 1N / HONG IN / 5N IN	\$279	SAN FRANCISCO	\$519	
BANGKOK	\$119	HONOLULU	\$549	
BANGKOK + PATTAYA	\$198	NEW YORK (DCA/ORD)	\$699	
SINGAPORE	\$198	TORONTO IM & CW	\$479	
SINGAPORE/MALAYSIA/INDONESIA	\$298	BRISBANE / AUCKLAND	\$749	
KUALA LUMPUR	\$158	VIET / PAR / LON	\$729	
KUALA LUMPUR + GEINTING H/LND	\$208	KUALA LUMPUR	\$75	
JAKARTA	\$198	SINGAPORE	\$ 95	
SAIGON	\$199	BANGKOK	\$ 95	
GUAM	\$368	HONGKONG	\$ 95	
SEOUL	\$568	TAIPEI	\$110	
SHANGHAI	\$139	LOCAL TOURS		
BEIJING	\$279	SUBC SURF TOURS/PRX	P 990	
CAIRO/SDA	\$758	CORREGIDOR	P 1,590	
WEST COAST TOUR	\$589	PORCAYO GALERA	P 2,485	
AUSTRALIA	\$679	BURJAT	P 6,740	
EUROPE	\$2,800	CEBU	P 5,040	
		DAVAO	P 5,935	
		PAWLAN	P 5,935	
		LAOAG	P 6,335	
		BOHOL	P 5,390	

[illegible]

WINTER in CHINA



	Departure	X'mas Special
B1 <i>Beijing 4 Days</i>	Tues, Thurs	12/20, 24, 25, 27
H1 <i>Shanghai 3 - 4 Days</i>	Fri, Sun	12/23, 28, 30
C1A <i>Beijing, Xian, Guilin 6 - 8 Days</i>	Friday	12/25, 28
C1B <i>Beijing, Shanghai 6 Days</i>	Tues, Thurs	12/20, 22, 25, 27
C1C <i>Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Gullin 10 Days</i>	Wed, Fri	12/23, 26
M1-3 <i>Xiamen 3 Days</i>	Friday	12/22, 28
A1-5 <i>Three Gorges Cruises 5 Days</i>	Monday	12/ 24
AH1 <i>Three Gorges, Shanghai 6 Days</i>	Monday	12/ 24
AB1 <i>Three Gorges, Beijing 7 Days</i>	Monday	12/ 24
W1 <i>Harbin 4 Days</i>		12/23, 30
W2-4 <i>Harbin, Dalian / Beijing / Shanghai 6 Days</i>		12/23, 30
W5 <i>Northeast Ice & Snow Festival 8 Days</i> <i>Harbin, Changchun, Jilin, Shenyang, Dalian</i>		12/23, 30









For more details pls. contact your trusted travel agency or . . .

PANDA TRAVEL SERVICE INC.

479 - 481 Sto. Cristo Street, Binondo, Manila
 Tels.: 242-2585 Trunk line Fax : 242-2650 ; 242-2652
<http://www.pandatour.com>





PTAA



DOT153-00

Traveling in appreciation by GOD's beautiful & bountiful creation

HOLIDAY TOURS

3D Singapore	\$298
4D Singapore & Bangkok	\$418
4D Siem Reap & Singapore	\$538
4D Sydney	\$764
4D Maldives	\$888
6D Delhi Jaipur, Agra	\$970
10D South Africa	\$1875
10D US West Coast	\$1780

New Year At The Nile with DUBAI

Dec 28 - Jan 13 1986

Highlights: Cairo • Pyramids • Egyptian Museum • Papyrus Raft • Khari el Khaili Bazaar • Nile Cruise • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Karnak • Rife' • Horus Temple • Valley of the Kings • Temples of Esna/Hatn • Colosae of Memnon • Dike • Burj Al Arab • Jumeirah Mosque • Grand Hotel • Gold Souk

CRUISE PROMO

7N ALASKA g/s/o	\$419
7N MEXICAN RIVIERA 12/g	\$490
12N RUSSIA & SCANDINAVIA g/s/o	\$1490
12N AUSTRAL NEWZEALAND 1/g	\$1690

Unit 101 City & Land Mass Plaza (off Park Road)
 ADB City Ctr. Gurnee St., Orissa Center, Palm City
 Call: G. Earnest
 e-mail: pinksky@vsnl.com
 web: pinksky.com

Royal Tours

Rates are subject to change without prior notice. First Come, First Served.

1N HKG+2N SZN W/ DISNEYLAND	\$199	HKG HOLIDAY PACKAGE	\$199
1N HKG+1N SZN+1N MACAU W/ DISNEYLAND	\$209	HKG DISNEYLAND DAYTOUR	\$237
BANGKOK PACKAGE	\$162	HKG DISNEYLAND OVERNITE	\$283
BANGKOK PATTAYA PACKAGE	\$212	KUALA LUMPUR PACKAGE	\$167
SINGAPORE PACKAGE	\$197	MACAU PACKAGE	\$222

WE ALSO HAVE CHRISTMAS BLOCKINGS FOR HKG, BKK & SIN

Also available: International & Domestic Tickets and Tour Packages and Passporting

R

Royal Vacation Holiday Travel & Tours

523 Remedios Street, Malate, Manila

Tel. nos.: 524-9971 / 524-9987 / 521-6727 / 521-3288 Fax no.: 521-3288


RAKSOTravel

ONLINE, REAL TIME BOOKING ENGINE

www.RaksoTravel.com

- Earn R-Points every time you book with Rakso for your international travel!
- Avail of Philippine Airlines Promo Fares!
- Offers Group and Individual Packages
- Cruise and Eurail Booking also available!
- Travel Information for first time Travelers!



☎ **Call us at 02-812-9667**
 Fax (02) 812-8035 / 840-2484
 G/F Reco Building 112 Aguirre St. Legaspi Village, Makati City

TRAVEL AT YOUR OWN STYLE

We'll create your dream corporate and incentive tours for you.

Call us at 812.9667 loc 122 or
 E-Mail us at support@raksotravel.com

Your No. 1 Travel Society!

PTAA

KOREA

LOC 115/116

KOREA WINTER SKI

970

DEPARTURE DATE:
DEC 19 - 23; 21 - 25; 27 - 31 (5DIAN)

- Roundtrip Airfare (PAL)
- MEALS:
- 4 breakfast inside hotel, 3 Lunch and 1 lunch at Tony Romas, 4 dinner at local restaurant
- Transfer as the itinerary with English speaking guide
- INCLUDED ADMISSION FEE:
- Nami Island Everland Big 5
- Lotte World Big 5 Ocean World
- Kyungbok Palace Kimchi House
- Rental of ski equipment and suit



NO V TRAVEL PER

LOKUPA-POC HONGKONG

Jeju Island



JAPAN

LOC 112

SCENIC JAPAN

USD 1490

SEP DATE: NOV 27 - DEC 02 / DEC 24 - 29 [6D/5N]

NARITA (2NTS) TOKYO (3NTS)

- IMPERIAL PALCE
- TOKYO TOWER
- MT. FUJI
- HAKONE
- LAKE ASHI
- AKIHABARA

JAPAN ESCAPEADE

USD 1950

SEP DATE: NOV 28 - DEC 05 [8D/7N]

OSAKA (3NTS) KAWAGUCHIKO (1NT) TOKYO (3NTS)

- UNIVERSAL STUDIO
- SAKURO PURO LAND
- TOKYO CITY TOUR
- DISNEYLAND
- HAKONE LAKE ASHI

TOKYO

ANY DAY DEPARTURE

4D/3N AIRTEL

USD 707

ASIA

HIDDEN CHARMS OF SAIGON

USD 410

DEPT DATE: DEC 21-24

EXQUISITE TAIPEI

USD 718

DEPT DATE: DEC 27-30

NI HAO BEIJING

USD 580

DEPT DATE: NOV 23-26

FASCINATING SIEM REAP

USD 620

ANY DAY DEPARTURE [MIN. 2 PERSON]

HISTORICAL SIEM REAP & SAIGON

USD 760

ANY DAY DEPARTURE

This Winter, your best choice is **12/15/16/19**

NEW DESTINATION

Travel *All in Jeju Island*

WORLDWIDE AIRLINES BY UNICED

SA Needed / Guaranteed Seat / Direct Flight (PAL)

Every Wednesday and Saturday / December 15, 2007 - January 9, 2008



In Cooperation with:




SEOUL USD 650

ANY DAY DEPARTURE
3D/2N FREE AND EASY

CgeNa

Your Dream GADGETS
www.CgeNa.com

AKOMODELO

Your Dream of FAME
www.akomodelo.com

WeGivJobs.com

Your Dream JOB
www.wogivejobs.com

LOC 117-118

FREE & EASY

SINGAPORE USD 262

BANGKOK USD 230

KUALA LUMPUR USD 400

PEI USD 408

ARTA USD 376

OCEANIA LOC 118

MELBOURNE USD 790

SYDNEY USD 322

AUCKLAND USD 1021

AMERICA LOC 113

NEW YORK USD 1254

LAS VEGAS USD 1214

HONOLULU USD 1039

FARES PRESS 1

SEOUL USD 400

PUSAN 440

BANGKOK 115

SINGAPORE 115

JAKARTA 128

HONGKONG 128

BEIJING 323

SHANGHAI 227

XIAMEN 138

TAIPEI 128

CAIEN 128

SIEM REAP USD 405

PHNOM PENH 405

OSAKA 361

NAGOYA 491

HARITA 391

GUAM 128

HONOLULU 655

LAX / SFO 645

VANCOUVER 645

SYDNEY 651

WAGYANG 651

Somalia lies at the mouth of the Red Sea on a major trade route between Asia and Europe via the Suez canal. **Al-**

Philippine Exclusive Distributor
COSMOS BAZAR, INC.
571 Q. Paredes St., Binondo, Manila
P.O. BOX 1601 els.. 243-6912 to 14 Fax: 2425671

Pilipinas Shell Foundation reaches over 1 million beneficiaries

Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI), established in 1992, serves as the social arm of the Shell companies in the Philippines (SciP). PSFI manages social development programs of national and local scales ranging from leadership enhancement and attitude development; technical and vocational skills development, entrepreneurship development, educational improvement; and, environmental stewardship. PSFI currently operates in 14 sites nationwide – Pandacan, Batangas City, Palawan, Oriental Mindoro, Muntinlupa City, Rizal, Camarines Sur, Tagbilaran City, Apayao, Quirino, Misamis Oriental, Bacolod, and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao with focus on Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

As it celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, PSFI marks another milestone as it surpassed its one millionth beneficiaries mark in June. PSFI's latest beneficiaries count add up to more than 1.4 million individuals. "We are committed to come up with more programs that not only reaches more individuals but more importantly, empowers people to improve their way of life," says PSFI Executive Director Edgardo Veron Cruz.

"In the course of our visits throughout the country, we observed that many young people were out of school and out of jobs," Cesar Buenaventura, PSFI Chairman and former Country Chair of SciP recalls. Thus, Sanayan sa Kakayahang Industriyal (SKIL) and Sanayan sa Kakayahang Agrikultura (SAKA) were designed to impart industrial and agricultural skills to young Filipinos to help them become productive and responsible members of society.

To date, 9,000 young men and women have completed various SKIL courses ranging from structural welding, pipe-fitting, electrical work, air conditioning repair, electronics, and automotive mechanics. SKIL has been expanded to include contact center and animation skills courses. In partnership with Pilipinas Shell Petroleum-Retail and Shell dealers, "Gas Mo Bukas Ko" (GMBK) has also been launched to provide scholarships to Shell station staff to enhance their employability and livelihood skills.

SAKA boasts of 850 graduates and is complemented by Shell Training Farms and Integrated Farming Bio-systems trainings where more than 10,000 farmers have benefited. PSFI also manages a

number of programs on livelihood and entrepreneurship, education, and health – Sanayan sa Kakayahang Pangangalakal, Suporta sa Buhay Microfinance Program, Shell Youth Business Camp, Specialized English

Enhancement Course for High School and Elementary Teachers (SPEECH), Impok pang-Kalusugan, and Kilusan Ligas Malaria. PSFI's health programs have benefited more than 900,000 individuals while the Movement

Against Malaria with a grant from Aids, Tuberculosis to reach out to started in 200

Ireneo Sagara, Lemuel Sagano, Nehemias B. Salaver, Miguel V. Salayon, Ditas V. Salayon, Dante T. Salmons, Cornelio A. Salan, Rolando Santos, Mario P. Sayson, Juan Jr. B. Segarra, Nieves P. Sernicula, Carmelo D. Siblos, Arturo G. Sikat, Alexis Silario, Alberto S. Simaraya, G. Sucong, Rommel E. Sumilig, Jamuel S. Tabunda, Juan F. Tabusa, Robert B. Talavera, Francisco C. Tan, Jesus B. Tonalson, Janet A. Toric, Nestor H. Umali, Ressie Valdez, Dario Valerosa, Benjamin Velasco, Nelson B. Ventura, Ramon T. B. Verano, Sonny Vertulfo, Lorena Lita, Jaime V. Panuga, Roderico Pante, Leo A. Parba, Eduardo Jr. C. Pascual, Raymond G. Pasman, Joel E. Pateño, Arvin M. Patigdas, Fancio, Arsenio A. Ploponio, Rodolfo B. Pondevida, Rodel Projo, Ramon Quijano, Robinson I. Quisla, Rolando Quintos, Rexes R. Rogmari, Roy Marsan, William M. Masagca, Jerry Martinez, Rocky F. Matamorosa, Virginia Mateo, Reyinda Matienza, Bernardo T. Medina, Laudemir, Rene Naobre, Gemma P. Nardo, Imelda P. Nardo, Sarah P. Navalta, Augusto Navarro, Minda V. Navas, Gerry M. Noblejas, Emman, Jr. P. Oga, Edwin S. Oligo, Romeo P. Olmedo, Imelda D. Omal, Eleaver M. Ondoy, Jaybel Lagronia, Glens Loper, Gracia Lopez, Rene H. Maat, Rolando Macalipay, Ferdinand Macarilag, Borneo Macasael, Felix A. Macatangay, Raquel A. Madarang, Arnold N. Maat, Reynaldo A. Maddy, Inling, s, Edwin M. Mima S. Flic, Galope, E. Fullon, Fort, gor, Ronald R. Panto, Aldrin Felicidad, Luis Jr. Farmonia, Carlito M. Fernandez, Rodolfo M. Fernandez, W. Angu, A. Ferrer, Hector, Jonathan A. Clavillas, Alexander P. Co, Prisco Contreras, Rosalino Cordova, Mr. Sally Coronado Sabene, orine Mo, Valda De Guzman, Loida E. De Jesus, Natalie Del Norte, Joaquin De Vera, Edison Dela Cruz, Rannia Dela Cruz, Ray, al, Dela Cruz, obijes, Aurea C. Borbon, Percival Borbon, Edito P. Borja, Jeff M. Borsenie, Renante G. Bren, J. P. Buhion, Jegrado St., Rol, Cahinhinan, Romel J. Calaoagan, Estanislao Calixto, Rolito C. Calope, Florencio, nja, Andrew, Cantal Michael, Cai, lorenci, r Noel Catingub, Marc Anthony B. Alienza, Cesar A. Atilano, Abelardo C. Aurelio, Dammada, Avenida, Br, D, m, gade New, gor A. Bajada, Nenita L. Balabba, Amador A. Balangue, Angel Bandemor, Joseph N. Baldomin, Ronaldo A. Balleste, so l Bel, n, Bautista, Vivian Bautista, Lito Bayani, Gerald Bayos, Mark Anthony Begonia, Mark Anthony, Bel, Adel Bel, Jan, Dix, Remia, Buagas, Francis Calinga, Ramon Cela, Rey Condag, Hector Consulta, Elizabeth, Wilfred Dela, Mc, A., Elena, ardo Marco, Nelson Molavin, Michael Nacua, Roy Nadal, Ariel Neri, Ver, jadico, Elvira Limbo, Debbie Logaloc, Mary Ann Jr. Lulu Judith Pada, Lou, des Satar, so, Sev, re, Aior, A-A, a E. Calayag, Paz Calimlim, Bernardo Jr. S. Camano, Cynthia, Carmelo, Mario D. Dua, Ferdinand D. Elnar, Froilan Enrique, Alvin, Estanislao, Albi, gmay, Miguel A. Languido, Angeles Lebrado, Warlito R. Ligot, Tomas, imbu, ilo N. Molde, Ruperto M. Montesines, Joel U. Nale, Eufrocina R. Pagau, ar, Vivian G. Samson, Ronelo N. Sapungan, Fernando, Sanque, Joel M, Ma, Aniceta Adorador, Jencilyn P. Alameda, Anita R. Amparo, Pau, na M, A, Ma, asimiro, Reinelda DG, Delos Reyes, Mari, Delos Reyes, lumbera, Ricky, Marique, Marique, G. Palara, Roger, Pul, ue, Nina Vibas, Cristina Dela Pef, Helen, Russell Brill, Rubi, Marcos, Rolan, Luzviminda, Grati, Marce, Lilibeth, Lei, oraszon Matiw, rda Antiquia Ben, y, Ressie Acera, rez, Mi, ida Grateja, Fr, o Ros, Pabay, y, Martin Jr. Avil, yban, Ber, Dej, Ber, Darwin Arbo, Valenzuel, Donio, ephine R, Gayl, hie, Antonio, A.

Shell celebrates with Pilipinas Sh 25 years of service to the Filipino



Over a million dreams fulfilled. Over a million lives transformed.

For a quarter of a century, Pilipinas Shell Foundation has kept its commitment to creating programs that have reached over a million Filipinos. Health programs such as Kilusan Ligas Malaria have helped save many lives and improve the lives of their beneficiaries. On the other hand, livelihood and skills training programs like SKIL, SAKA and Gas Mo Bukas Ko have helped many Filipinos self-reliant and self-sufficient. They have gone on to become outstanding contributors to their communities. They have lent their skills, provided employment and created the life they want for themselves. Their successes are more than just dreams fulfilled; they are inspirations.

So as we celebrate 25 years of Pilipinas Shell Foundation, we also celebrate success for over a million

Beneficiaries PSFI SCHOLARS SHARE THEIR INSPIRING SUCCESS STORIES

SAKA program made possible by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS and Malaria, is expected to help more Filipinos. The program will run until 2010.

For 25 years, PSFI has empowered 1.4 million Filipinos and given them the means to be self-reliant. Here are three of these many beneficiaries whose lives have been changed for the better.

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF HOPE
Marinez Seracarpio-Dingcol was among nine Palaweños sent to join the 5th Batch of SAKA scholars who attended Pampanga Agricultural College (PAC) in 1988. She was then an 18-year old high school graduate who had never been away from home.



Asked what made the SAKA program special, she said, "hands on and theory are very different. We were given an area to develop and that training made all the difference." Upon graduating from SAKA, Landbank of the Philippines granted her a Php20,000.00 livelihood loan. She used the grant to develop her father's two-hectare land using an integrated farming system. In 1993, the local government of Puerto Princesa recognized her farming prowess and invited her to become the agricultural technician of the province.

Now 36 years old, Marinez says, "I have reached what I have always wanted to become - a farmer, and I could not ask for anything more."

A CONTINUING PURSUIT OF SKILLS



Edgardo Etac was 18 years old when he saw a newspaper advertisement announcing the screening for Shell scholarships at the West Visayas State University. "I badly wanted to finish schooling because I knew the face of poverty too well. I saw how poor my parents were and I wanted to live a different life," he says. He passed the screening and completed a basic automotive course. Later on, he underwent a three-year Engineering Technician Course at the Technological University of the Philippines-Visayas (TUP-V) and obtained a Diploma in Electronics Technology.

He was referred to Tsukiden Electronics, Inc. by Shell and later reassigned to its subsidiary, Laguna Electronics, Inc. (LEI). From a technician, he has moved up the ranks to become proudly today, Managing Director.

He advises young Shell scholars to "have the drive to achieve what you want to achieve. Always keep a certain level of commitment for Shell because Shell will help you go further."

FINDING FORTUNE IN JEWELRY-MAKING



Mary Vil Diate, 22, of Pandacan, Manila was one of 163 aspiring youth entrepreneurs who participated in the Second National Shell Youth Business Camp (YBC) in April. Mary Vil was one of 10 participants granted the Best Individual Business Plan Award for her 10K gold Swarovski retailing and production.

Mary Vil started her business with a capital of Php5,000.00. She sells her made-to-order jewelry from house-to-house. Today, she receives orders from Cebu, Ilocos, Cavite, Bicol, Leyte, and Davao.

Mary Vil learned the most important business lesson in the camp - that business is not a gamble. "I learned to take risks and trust in what I am capable of doing. I learned to get along well with different people from different places."

She advises, "choose a business that is close to your heart."

...C. Salucop, Honesto S. Saludo, Alexander M. Salvador, Raul B. Samson, Abner R. San Juan, Romeo L. San Juan, Rodrigo G. Sante, Ne...
...A. Simuangco, Camilo S. Sipe, Joey C. Solas, Wilmer M. Solas, Norma S. Solis, Roger Solis, Sulpicio Jr. S. Soliva, Julio S. Sontellana...
...Juanita L. Tan, Miller Tanedo, Alan P. Toruc, Rico V. Toutho, Ferdinand E. Tavera, Efren A. Tejada, Joseph R. Tianco, Mardon Tibay, Ray...
...Verzo, Fidelen B. Volchas, Joselito V. Villalon, Roberto G. Ong, Angelito Orense, Rollie B. Orbigoso, Cynthia B. Paderal, Joenaldo M. I...
...and D. Paz, Fernando Paz, Francisco A. Peligro, Ramon S. Pendon, Olivia G. Perigrina, Roseller Perigrina, Prudencio Perez, Eddie R. Petac...
...Ramirez, Danilo G. Ramores, Mario Ramos, Nestor Ramos, Romulo A. Ramos, Jethru P. Rañopa, Dominador C. Razon, Theresa C. Real...
...Medrano, Dominador D. Mendoza, Joseph Mendoza, Rizalino M. Mendoza, Elvin Rey O. Migalen, Noraline V. Mojares, Jasmin Mojica, I...
...Noche, Alvin J. Nolasco, Louis P. Nolasco, Edgar R. Nudo, Evelyn O. Nuica, Noel A. Nuica, Muriel B. Oberos, Olivern A. Obillo, Ja...
...opez, Marilyn Lozada, Angelito Llu. Mary Vivian L. Lu, Juanita C. Lucanas, Jetro L. Lucero, Annabelle Lunday, Maricris Maramba, Lynn...
...Anacleto Magbanua, Rosalie G. Magnaye, Rufo Magaysay, Rodrigo Magusara, Julius Malatamban, Butch Edmundo Malaya, Expedito...
...Melquiades V. Hipolito, Aproniano H...
...uacalla, Ramual O. Juan, Jose Rich...
...Legaspi, Joan P. Liberato, Felino Jr...

Shell Foundation a milestone.

...Flores, Nestor Flores, Rodante P. Flores, Feliciano Fortaleza, Mario Forteza, Norbert Frugalidad, Almarion M. Gacos, Jeffrey V. Gac...
...ona, Wilson Geronimo, Ricky Gersava, Deodante Gloria, Vilma Gomez, Reynaldo Gonzales, Edwin Gonzales, Estrella Gonzales, Mi...
...Derit, Jeffrey De Villes, Jorge Demiar, Vina Diaz, Arnold Dichosa, Josie Dichoso, John Dimaano, Harris P. Dimagiba, Edgardo Dimap...
...p, Jerry Escudo, Vicente Esmeringa, Joseph Espana, Carlo Espejo, Nicolas Espiritu, Hilarión Espilago, Audi Esquilla, Shirleen Estrada, V...
...agne, Edgardo Catugda, Severino Cello, Casimero Jr. Ceralvo, Janet L. Cerbo, Danny Cerilla, Roquito S. Cesar, Ma. Erlinda C. Chua, Ma...
...Cristobal, Cesar Cruz, Editha DC Cruz, Renato Cruz, Napoleon S. Cunanan, Jose B. Cupul, Florelie A. Cuyos, Archie Dalusong, Conciso L...
...Bernardo De Leon, Rodie De Leon, Virgilio De Leon, Analie Delos Santos, Joel C. Delgado, Ricardo Delos Santos, Bernardito Bencio, Jenny...
...Bento, Benedicto Bunto, Arthur Caballer, Jo Caballero, Camilo B. Cabral, Nerio C. Cabanilla, Ireno B. Cabral, Jay DG Cabrera, Melvin...
...Amua, Rizalde Capua, Ricardo Capuno, Edwin Caputolon, Ramon R. Caraang, Gerardo A. Carillo, Alberto Caras, Cecille H. Carmona, Gl...
...A. Avellana, Edwin C. Ayo-ay, Jojit T. Babadilla, Isagani Bocarro, Benjamin Jr. Bacud, Rafael F. Baduria, Eustacio C. Basa, Red Basig, Ru...
...Ma. Banaag, Vicente T. Banaria, Charlie Bansigan, Julio B. Banting, Lino Barbacena, Ariel R. Barbosa, Alberto Barnes, Edgar B. Barona...
...ero, German Lumbena, Eduardo Mangilon, Jefferson Negranso, Gilbert Rafer, Roderick Pane, Ma Fe. Valencia, Felen Viches, Arturo Cau...
...cio, Dioscoro Esteban, Edgardo Etac, Almirante Evangelista, Ninda Feliciano, Wilma Ferrer, Aniceto Garcia, Ericilo Garcilla, Louie Jam...
...ise Tabag, Loreto Talaib, Vicenta Valdez, Lea Alcaraz, Alma Alonzo, Thelma Balmonte, Rosalita Bartolome, Annie Cerdana, Lorena De...
...Ronil Acaylar, Roberto Agnate, Nelma C. Alarcon, Rizalino S. Alba, Alex Atew, Ma Rexze R. Balbuena, April O. Balino, Rafael D. Bau...
...arpaz, Mario A. Crisologo, Norman B. Dolida Jesus D. De Jesus, Annamaria P. Dela Cruz, Fernando R. Desepeda, Romeo E. De Quiroz...
...n, Evangelina C. Fernandez, Faustino R. Flores, Narciso G. Fortades, Alberto Jr. G. Gabugayan, Desiderio D. Gapoy, Macario C. He...
...oel Uanero, Reynaldo A. Lopez, Fernando A. Ibugan, Domingo Luis, Ruel D. Magana, Luisito D. Magisa, Ernesto Malonzo, Vilma Mar...
...eto, Nancy C. Rodasa, Edgardo Rogado, Alex Romas, Juan Ramos, Romano S. Reyes, Ronnie P. Riambillo, Arnulfo Rogacion, Rodrigo R...
...ria, Noemi A. Valledor, Joselito Villaruel, Agnes P. Villafuerte, Ruperto S. Sescar, Ligaya Garfin, Clarissa M. Pequiro, Jun Rico...
...Joel Z. Besas, Ma. Theresa B. Bin...
...Gobuat, Aniceto M. Gar...
...ani I. Morade Ramil...
...Rodriguez, Celso Rodel...
...inda Ventura Titing Ban...
...Velunta Remedios Me...
...e, Jennifer Grateja, Jan...
...ndez, Anita Sorio, Ang...
...grateja, Grace Seduranta...
...Manny Barcelo, William M...
...Jojo Tadeo Jimmy Salcedo, Jesus...
...Echon, Virginia Antioquia, Re...
...Demetrio Sr. Abuya, Dag...
...Anthony Manzano, Jos...
...Lyn Inoc, R...
...Doruy...
...Feliciano Bulawin, Myrna Bulawin, Marita...
...A. Hidalgo, Armida DL. Jardelez...
...ales, Renato Moreno, Catalina...
...Silva, Nova Sumawang, Sand...
...Matienzo, Leilani Benavidez...
...Pacita Reyes, Nori Marca...
...esto, Emilia Lim, Emelia Altare...
...Altare, Angelita Garcia, And...
...ngan, Emerlinda Ballon, Delia...
...z, Viohy Marca, Dejan Villarde...
...oso, Henry Bayani, Francisco Robe...
...ndillo, Nestor Garcia, Naty Grate...
...do Anacleto Dejan, Rowena Este...
...eno, Oliver Marca, Adrian Peral...
...Macatag, Edelyn Man...
...tivo Jr. Garcia, F...
...dielyn...



changed the lives
of the well-being
of the community
and to society.
than just stories,

million lifetimes.



BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Gaseous statements

SURELY THE ARROYO ADMINISTRATION CAN DO better than this. Responding to the possibility of government subsidies for certain oil products, Secretary Cerge Remonde of the Presidential Management Staff opined, "I'm sure the government is open to all constructive proposals, to mitigate the effects of oil price hikes, especially to the poor, and we are ready to discuss this with the proponents."

EDITORIAL

This is boilerplate rhetoric, and means absolutely nothing. It goes without saying that any administration, however it defines openness and determines the meaning of constructiveness, is "open to all constructive proposals." Naturally. The addendum that puts special emphasis on the poor is just so much official pabulum. As for the administration's readiness to discuss (not necessarily to commit), this is standard PR-talk. Would any administration, faced with a looming oil crisis, dare say it was not ready to discuss possible suggestions?

So far, so blindingly obvious. Is there any possible reason why the Arroyo administration, over the weekend, felt it was justified in restating the obvious? Remonde, whose competence does not include economic matters, was either playing safe, or playing with words, or just plain playing.

Proof? No one, least of all in the oil industry, will seriously think his statement amounts to a new policy.

New Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes was not much better. After meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang on Saturday, the day yet another round of oil price increases took effect, Reyes, a former general, went on the offensive. He called on the country's oil companies to explain the latest price adjustment. For added effect, he said both the Department of Energy (as expected) and the Department of Justice (now that's a surprise) were "looking into the unreasonableness of the price increases."

Were they, in fact, unreasonable? The administration's energy czar could not say. He only suggested they were. He noted that, if the peso had not strengthened dramatically against the dollar, oil prices would be much higher today. "If the peso's exchange rate was still P55 per dollar, the prices per liter of gasoline and diesel will be more expensive by about P7 to P8 per liter." This is nowhere near saying that Saturday's increases were demonstrably unreasonable.

What do these statements tell us?

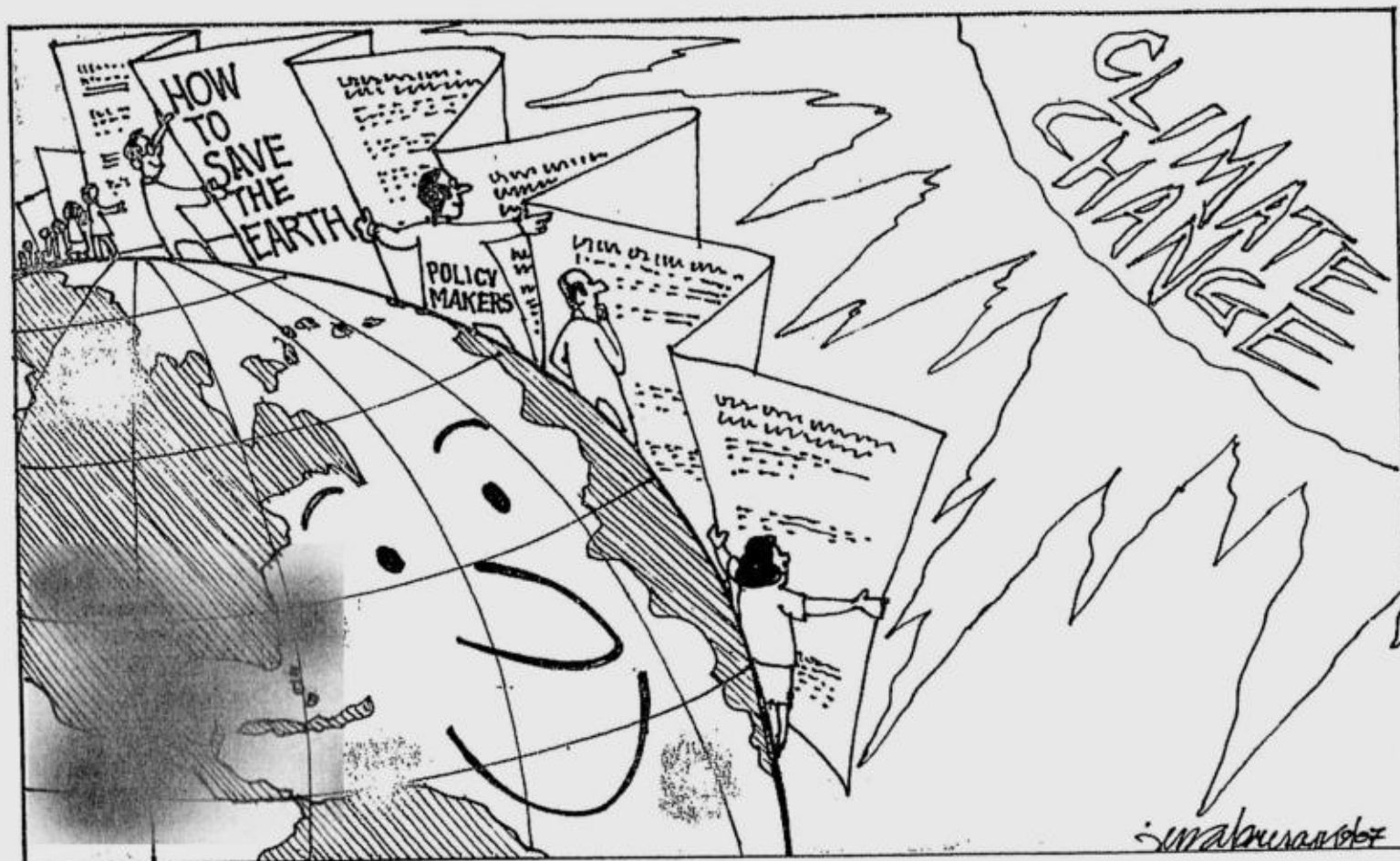
First: On the matter of pricing, the government has ceded the ground to the oil firms and, to a lesser extent, to watchdog groups like the Consumer and Oil Price Watch. This is most unfortunate, because it is precisely on account of the industry's deregulated status that the government should set the pricing agenda, or at least define its key terms. But what do we get? In news reports last week, it was the oil companies' well-scripted scenario-building, about the imminence of a steep rise in oil prices in the next few months and the likelihood of a rapid fall thereafter, that carried the day. The DOE, backed up by the implied legal threat the DOJ represents, is reduced to asking the oil firms to explain themselves—after those same companies had already taken to the air waves to justify the adjustments.

Second: The Arroyo administration is ready to play politics with the oil industry, triangulating it against the consuming public. As businessman Raul Concepcion's COPW has shown in the last several years, the oil companies certainly need tight guarding. But with the price of unleaded gasoline, based on the Mean of Platts Singapore benchmark, now just under \$100 per barrel, can the administration focus its energies, not on laying the groundwork for playing the blame game, but on actual measures that will help the public cope with the coming shock?

Bad days

I AM SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT WE ARE HEADED TOWARD really bad days," a prominent energy economist told Time magazine last week ... That was no alarmist talking. It was Fatih Birol, the chief economist for the International Energy Agency, an oil industry organization ... widely considered a reliable indicator of petroleum supplies ... Whether the world supply of oil has absolutely peaked or is not rising to meet demand because of human folly, there's going to be a lot less of the black stuff around in the near future. And that's going to hurt.

The Dallas Morning News



What is the 'fair market value' of land?

WE RECEIVE PLENTY OF MAIL COMMENTING on our columns. Unfortunately, we cannot print all of them because of space limitations. Nevertheless, in the interest of fair play, we try to accommodate mail that presents other sides so that the readers will have a balanced view of the issues. But also because of lack of space, we have to shorten some of them. Here are two on the Batangas Port land case:

This one is from Ms Erlinda Llana Santiago, one of the landowners in Batangas whose properties are being expropriated by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), which protests that the price it is being asked to pay is too much.

"We, the landowners, do not wish to overprice our property. All we want is the fair market value of the land that the government is forcibly taking from us. The declaration of the fair market value of the land is not unilateral on our part. It is the subject of proceedings before the trial court which, by law, is the one that should determine the fair market value of the expropriated property. Unfortunately for the PPA, it squandered its opportunity to present evidence of what it believes to be the fair market value of the property by its failure to participate in the trial despite notice.

"Unlike the PPA, we acted with due diligence in proving before the trial court the fair market value of our property.... Contrary to the claims of PPA that the land is agricultural, the appraiser concluded after ocular inspection that the area is developed and is for commercial/light industrial purposes....

"Mr. Cruz says that the Supreme Court dismissed the PPA's petition for review of the Court of Appeals' decision 'on technicalities and not on the merits of the case.' If he means that the SC did not rule on the correctness of the valuation of the property but on the propriety of the PPA's appeal from the trial court's order, he is correct. But the SC could not have done otherwise without doing injustice to landowners.... The PPA did not present evidence on the

As I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

fair market value of the land ... so the SC could not rule on PPA's claims even if it had considered the merits of the case. If the SC ruled on just compensation of the properties, then it would have plucked the value out of thin air."

A relevant letter is from Ma. Presentation R. Montesa, executive director of the Bureau of Local Government Finance of the Department of Finance:

"Your column of Sept. 21, 2007 serves as a timely reminder for the government to now put order to the chaotic system of land valuation in this country that has deprived many poor landowners of the right income from the true value of their property, abetted corruption, discouraged the growth of the land market, and at the same time, [caused the] loss for the government of millions in unrealized tax revenues.

"As illustrated in your column, the unexplainable rise in the market value of the Batangas property subject of expropriation from BIR's Zonal Value of P298-440 per sq m and the PPA's Land Acquisition Committee's estimate of P336.83 per sq m to the astronomical P8,000 per sq m demanded by the new owners (businessmen and lawyers who bought portions of the same property from the farmers for as low as P600 per sq m) is mind boggling and infuriating—imagine the government through the PPA unable to implement a vital infrastructure project to benefit the economy because of this ludicrous situation.

Terror

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

heard expressed were largely, well, let's just say the congressmen won't be sorely missed when they go.

The only place right now that can spark livelier dancing in the streets in lieu of louder sobbing in the dark when its occupants enter the next life, preferably soonest, is Malacañang. But the Batasan clearly ranks second.

All this notwithstanding, I myself condemn the attack in, well, the strongest possible terms. I too would like to warn potential terrorists who might be encouraged by the lack of sympathy for the congressmen and the prospect of being hailed heroes for a bombing expressly aimed at them that terrorist attacks truly will not go unpunished. I am not being facetious or satirical about this. But I mean this in a sense completely different from De Venecia's.

I've never been a believer in terrorism, however the targets of it are the most loathsome individuals or however the provocation for it is severe. At the very least, there are the abundant moral strictures to indict it, which by themselves carry much force. There's nothing platitudinous about the saying that violence begets more violence, or that it merely leads to a wider downward spiral of bloodletting. There's nothing blithe about the belief that a policy of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth will leave only a world of blind and toothless people.

But more than that, I've never believed in terrorism because if terrorism has shown anything it is only that it is insanely counterproductive. It's not just that you pay with an eye for every eye you take, it's that you pay with 10 eyes for every eye you take. It's not just that you pay with a tooth for every tooth you pull,

"Indeed the same piece of land could have as many different 'market values' depending on what use the value or appraisal of the property serves, i.e. low appraisal value for purposes of taxation (which favors the owner who will pay low taxes to the detriment of the government), high appraisal value, as in the Batangas case, for expropriation purpose (which provides unscrupulous individuals unwarranted quick money while multiplying the cost of government projects), very low land value for CARP (to the disadvantage of legitimate landowners who are fully dependent on land for their livelihood), etc.

"There are a number of government agencies performing land valuation or appraisal, of which the major ones are BIR for Zonal Values as basis for land tax imposed by the national government such as Capital Gains Tax, Documentary Stamp Tax, and Estate Tax; the Local Government Units (LGUs) for the Schedule of Market Values (SMV) as basis for assessment of Real Property Tax; the DPWH for expropriation purposes; and the bank and private appraisers for collaterals or mortgages, each using their own methodologies, systems and other considerations resulting in multiple valuation of land that confuses the public.

"Those who are neither rich nor powerful are robbed of the right income from the 'true market value' of their property while the government is unable to deliver basic services due to poor income from land, a resource that has the biggest potential contribution to the national wealth. It is time for the Honorable Members of the 14th Congress to pass the Valuation Reform Act (VRA) which seeks to establish a set of valuation standards at par with international valuation standards, provide a single valuation base policy, and have a single agency to oversee and provide leadership to the public and the private sector on real property valuation."

it's that you pay with an entire row of teeth for every tooth you pull. The payback is always severer. The instant gratification is offset by the long-term oppression.

Look at 9/11. Presumably done in retaliation for what the rightist elements in the US government were doing to the Arab counties, all it did was strengthen the rightist elements in the US government, in the form of George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and ilk, who earned much paranoid goodwill in the aftermath until they threw it away by invading Iraq. Look at the Sparrow hits of the NPA in the past presumably done to enemies of the people, not least to fellow comrades who disagreed with policy, to project the NPA's capacity to administer punitive justice. All they did was earn for the NPA the fear and distrust of the public, if not goodwill for their victims, and muted protest when the State began butchering political activists for being enemies of the Republic.

Terrorism doesn't weaken the victim, or even kill him. It strengthens him, or revives him. Correspondingly, it doesn't strengthen the terrorist, or resurrects him. It weakens him, and kills him.

That is quite apart from the fact that if it harms anybody, it harms the innocent. Look at the 3,000 Americans who died in Ground Zero. Look at the three people who died with Akbar in the Batasan bombing.

And even that isn't the biggest casualty in terrorism. The biggest casualty is the truth. Bombing presumably evil men doesn't just bury them in the rubble, it buries the evil they've done along with them. It makes people forget what they were in light of what the people who have put them under the rubble are. In this country in particular where death qualifies as a natural purifier, even sending some of the worst scoundrels to have walked on two legs to the Libingan ng mga Bayani by the simple fact of dying, that could be enough to turn Luis Vilafuerte, Prospero Nograles, and even Jose de Venecia into martyrs.

That is absolute terror.

Publisher ISAGANI YAMBOT

Editor in Chief LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC

Managing Editor JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO

Associate Editor ABELARDO S. ULANDAY

Associate Editor for Readership ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO

Opinion Editor JORGE V. ARUTA

News Editor ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR. • Chief, Page One Operations NILO B. PAUROM

Chief, News Day Desk RUBEN G. ALABASTRO

National Editor PERCENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.

Senior Desk Editor JUAN V. SARMIENTO JR.

Editorial Consultant AMANDO DORONILA

Chief Photographer ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Art & Design Director LYNETT A. VILLARIBA

Board Chairman MARIXI R. PRIETO

President ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ

Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing RENATO R. REINOSO

VP for Advertising FELIPE R. OLARTE

AVP for Circulation SANDY SIMON R. YAP

Readers' Advocate LORNA KALAW TIROL

readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph • Tel. (02) 897-0000, Int. 342

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

EXCUSE ME IF I DEVOTE MY COLUMN TODAY to a man whom I and so many Philippine Jesuits greatly admire and revere—Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. This month we celebrate the centenary of his birth.

It is not easy to measure the impact he has had on the lives not only of Jesuits but also of many others both lay and religious, men and women, Catholics and Protestant Christians and many others. Many simply sum up their affection for him by calling him Don Pedro.

I first experienced the Arrupe magic in 1976 when he summoned me to Rome to give me my marching orders as Provincial Superior of the Philippine Jesuits. I had never met him nor ever communicated with him, and so I guess he just wanted to size me up. It turned out to be not such a big deal after all because he was the easiest person to get close to.

But first, his background. He was Basque, and he grew to manhood in Spain. He cut short his medical studies to join the Jesuits. At that time the Society of Jesus in Spain was experiencing turbulence. Thus it was that Arrupe with many other Jesuits were expelled from Spain by the Republican government. Arrupe had to pursue his philosophical and theological studies in Belgium and the Netherlands.

After his ordination to the priesthood he was sent to the United States to pursue doctoral studies. But before he could complete his studies he was sent as a missionary to Japan in 1939. Father Arrupe was Master of Novices living in the urban outskirts of Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped.

Hiroshima was a turning point in modern world history. The war itself was also a turning point in the life of Arrupe.

Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Arrupe was arrested on charges of espionage. He was kept in solitary confinement for 33 days. He later wrote that this "was the month in which I learned the most in all my life. Alone as I was, I

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



learned the knowledge of silence, of loneliness, of harsh and severe poverty, the interior conversation with 'the guest of the soul' who had never shown himself to be more 'sweet' than then."

Another turning point was to take place in 1965 when Father Arrupe was elected 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus. The choice marked the beginning of the post-modern history of the Society of Jesus. The direction would become clearer after Father Arrupe convened and led the 32nd General Congregation of the Society.

The General Congregation is the highest legislative body of the Society. It is summoned only in critical moments. In the Society's more than 400 years, there have been only 34 General Congregations. (A 35th General Congregation has been summoned to convene in January next year.)

The 32nd General Congregation formalized the direction the modern Society was mandated to take in all its varied works—missionary ministry, general pastoral work, education, intellectual apostolate, media, the arts and everything under the sun.

Two key paragraphs from the decrees of the General Congregation sum up Father Arrupe's own vision for the Society of Jesus.

First is his vision for the Society as an institution: "The mission of the Society of Jesus today is the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement. For reconciliation with God demands the reconciliation of people with one another."

Second is his vision of what a Jesuit should be: "What is it to be a companion of Jesus today? It is to engage, under the standard of the cross, in the crucial struggle of our time: the struggle for faith and that struggle for justice which it includes."

In the corner of the Jesuit world in which I live and work, an oft-quoted paragraph is one which Father Arrupe delivered to Jesuit alumni in Valencia, Spain. His audience included many who came from prestigious and wealthy families. What he expressed was his sub-vision of what Jesuit education should be.

He started by asking his audience if their Jesuit mentors had educated them for justice. He himself gave the answer: "You and I know what many of your Jesuit teachers will answer to that question. They will answer, in all sincerity and humility: 'No, we have not.'"

He then went on to explain what was expected of Jesuit education. "Today our prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women-for-others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ—for the God-human who lived and died for all the world; men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men and women completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for others is a farce."

Formation of men-and-women-for-others—this is a continuing mission that is never finished. What was Arrupe's secret? He summed it up in one paragraph: "Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything."

Luicito's amparo

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Carlos Isagani T. Zarate



pared it inside a military camp in Davao City.

Luicito was obviously under "duress." In fact, Sheriff Serge Tupas claimed that Luicito was presented as "detainee" to him by Obat when he served the writ of amparo.

The hearing lasted less than two hours. Judge Robillo then declared that Luicito can now "move freely" without further restrictions on his liberty and security.

Luicito initially declared he wanted to be under Obat's custody. Yet, after the hearing, when lawyer Manuel Quibod, IBP-Davao City president, thoroughly explained the extent of Judge Robillo's order, Luicito told his military escorts that he decided to be with his mother Bebelita. Quibod, by then, already knew why Luicito "changed" his decision.

Then, barely an hour after he regained his "freedom," Luicito showed to his mother, siblings and members of Karapatan the "real" reasons behind his court testimony: cigarette burn marks on his neck and back and his severely scarred ankles, which days before had been tied with wires.

He also recalled several occasions during his captivity that he was blindfolded and severely beaten by his captors. At one instance, the severe beatings caused him to urinate and defecate in his pants. Apparently the indignity done to him was not enough, he was also forced to swallow his own feces. He also recalled an instance where his head was wrapped with hot pepper-laced cellophane, causing a severe burning sensation on his nose, eyes and entire face, while he gasped for breath.

Luicito admitted that he was "too scared and confused," thus, he agreed to follow the instructions of

his captors during the hearing of the writ. "They told me that I should tell the court what they wanted me to say so that no one gets hurt... but all that was said was not true." He was relating his ordeal by bits and pieces, at times in tears. He does not want to go back to their place, Luicito said, the trauma of his 20-day captivity sadly etched on his face.

Luicito's amparo application was the second one filed by the IBP UPLM and FLAG in Mindanao, following the writ's introduction by the Supreme Court as a remedy for extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances. The first one was filed in Pagadian City, which resulted in the release Nov. 7 of Ruel Muñasque, a leader of the Christian Youth Fellowship-United Church of Christ in the Philippines and Bayan Muna organizer, after 14 days in military custody. Just like Luicito, Muñasque initially claimed that he voluntarily surrendered to the military but later recanted in court.

Incidentally, Luicito's amparo application was filed and granted a day after Chief Justice Reynato Puno lectured judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police and military officials in Davao City on the significance of the writ in the protection of human rights. Puno also urged the public to "use amparo" because it is "free" since no docket fee is required.

Indeed, amparo turned out to be not only free but, more importantly, powerful enough to secure the freedom of Luicito and Ruel.

MINDANAO REGIONAL LAWYERS CONVENTION: The biennial Mindanao lawyers' convention hosted by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines is slated in Davao City on Nov. 21-23 at the NCCC Convention Hall, Maa, Davao City. Aside from plenary sessions to tackle the theme: "Katarungan sa Kinaiyahan; Kalinaw sa Mindanao," the convention also incorporates a two-day Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) seminar. Davao-born Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio T. Carpio is the convention's keynote speaker.

Comments at kar_laws@yahoo.com or karlos_z32@hotmail.com

The future's bright

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



is the systematic and unashamed consumption, in as large a quantity as is humanly possible, of seafood. After which we decamped (much to my pleasant surprise) to Jazz & Blues, where the presence of Korean and Japanese tourists made itself felt for the first time since my arrival.

Concern was over the impact on tourism—immediate and tangible—of the Glorietta blast and the bombing of the Batasan, and the effect of the appreciation of the peso, particularly the impact on exporters, and the subsequent closing of some businesses and the loss of livelihood this entailed in their employees, were what we discussed, particularly after we were joined by Francisco Japson, a consultant with the Osmeña administration. A man normally given to firing off wisecracks at machine-gun speed, he proceeded to focus our attention on the implications of the strong peso.

Much as the real estate market is booming, he said, it's the employees of exporters that represent long-term jobs outside the tourism industry and the still-infant call center firms. Yet national and local authorities seemed at a loss at how to protect them. A former OFW himself, Japson said that from personal experience he knows working overseas provided a lifeline for those at home; yet having returned and with his wife in politics, he also knows that what already existed, jobs, industries, couldn't be abandoned to the tender mercies of economic Darwinism.

The next day, after a whirlwind tour of the campus and a blur of courtesy calls, I finally got to spend time with the Forward staff. Anna-Lyn is an intense young lady with a gift for using show-biz lingo to

put a gathering at ease; to my immense satisfaction it turned out she sets the direction of her paper by means of encouraging free and open debate.

Her regime is consensus-driven. With those I'd met before, and her other staffers, with whom I was interacting for the first time—Cleward Sy, Floyd Ryan Yamayamin, Wellah Mingo, Cherie Ann Gozon, Amefil Benguillo, Rodolfo Guerrero Jr.—we engaged in a discussion on writing in general and the means they sought to express themselves, as students and citizens, in particular. Advisers Hazel Sevilla and Pacheco Polesico (whom I'd also met in Bacolod) represented the educators who apply themselves to mentoring talent here, at home.

These are students whose only advantages in life are diligence, supportive parents and institutional support by means of a partial scholarship because of their involvement in the school paper, and superior intellects and a reliable moral compass. Students, then, armed with everything that should matter, though each day is a struggle in a society in which these things seem to matter less and less.

During a presentation and open forum sponsored by The Forward, and attended by high school and college student leaders from other schools in Cebu, the students themselves took pains to insist they weren't apathetic, but had yet to find people they could believe in. One plaintively asked, after my talk, "Tell us, who should we believe?" I reminded her of the substance of my talk: engage in learning to think critically, in relishing what Teodoro M. Locsin said was the necessity of exercising the freedom to study, to think, and only then, express one's self—and observe the goings-on around them. Only then, I told her, will you know whom to believe, and best of all, you would then be prepared to take on the responsibilities of a creative, and not destructive, new kind of leadership.

As always, my feelings after any visit to Cebu are intense: we can see the future, and it is bright. The builders of the New Philippines are already hard at work; and whatever they create can only be better than what we have, now.

The best hope for the nation

EACH TIME I ATTEND A WEDDING, A BIRTHDAY PARTY, an anniversary celebration or any ceremony marking some important event—all of which culminates in a toast—I keep wondering why, more often than not, our people end up raising their glasses and shouting, "Cheers!"

We have such an appropriate word for all of these occasions and we should be using it more often instead of aping our Caucasian friends.

"Mabuhay" means everything to all our people. It is both a command as well as a wish. In the form of a command, it calls for us "to live." When the thought is more of a wish, "Mabuhay" means "May you live." But whatever may be the sentiments behind its use, it expresses the wish for the gift of a long and happy life for the celebrant or the members of an audience. "Mabuhay" also lends itself to a large number of secondary uses: a welcome, congratulations, thanks, good luck, Godspeed, along with many other, similar expressions of goodwill.

"Mabuhay" is both an invocation as well as a celebration of life. It is a beautiful expression. Let us use it more frequently and pass it on to our children and grandchildren.

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan



During my recent visit to the United States, my son, a doctor at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Illinois, mentioned that his Philippine Science High School (PSHS) class of 1977 was marking its 30th anniversary. When I was in government, I barely had the time to appreciate the role this secondary institute of learning has meant in the life of our country. I guess it is one of the many things we take for granted and which escape our attention given the issues and conflicts which we constantly face in our lives.

For those a bit tired of the daily fare being fed us by the media, let me just mention a few things about the PSHS.

The Philippine Science High School was established in 1963 during the administration of President Diosdado Macapagal. It offered on a free scholarship basis a secondary course with emphasis on subjects pertaining to science with the end in view to preparing students for a career in the field of science and technology.

Some lawmakers may rightfully claim credit for the establishment of the PSHS but the real father of the PSHS was Dr. Leopoldo Toralballa, a brilliant mathematician who received his training in science and technology at the University of the Philippines and at the University of Michigan. He also did post-doctoral work at Princeton.

Dr. Toralballa, who married the former Gloria Cortez, a UP summa cum laude graduate, had a son who studied at the Bronx High School of Science in New York City. The school had the reputation of being one of the finest science schools in the United States. Dr. Toralballa closely studied the system of education in this school and believed that the Philippines should have a similar institute for its highly talented children.

In the early 1960s, he lobbied at the highest levels of government for the creation of the school and when the legislation needed for such a project was passed, he served as its founding director.

From an original campus in Diliman, the system has since expanded to nine schools, the latest being in Argao, Cebu. The aim is to have one campus in every administrative region of the country.

The current officer-in-charge (for the last three years, if I may add) of the Diliman campus is Jessamyn Yazon, class of 1977 and a batchmate of my son. She has a Master's degree in biology from the University of British Columbia.

Jess Yazon comes from a family of achievers. A native of Butuan City, Agusan del Norte, she has two brothers and a sister, all of whom graduated from the PSHS: Dr. Glenn Yazon is a radiologist, Xenon Yazon is a fisheries graduate with his own consultancy firm for environmental monitoring and Dr. Amaryllis Yazon, an OB Gyn specialist. A sister-in-law, Lillibeth Yazon is also a PSHS graduate who finished her marine biology.

Some of our more prominent PSHS products are: Cielito Habito, a former Neda director-general; Ramon Jacon, former president of IBM Philippines and now head of its Asia-Pacific regional office; Reynaldo Vea, president of Mapua Institute of Technology; Vicente Romano III, head of the Black and White Movement; and just to balance things, Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr., AFP chief of staff. This is not to mention the hundreds of other outstanding alumni in the science and technology field who have consistently figured in awards for entrepreneurship, research programs and management work, not just in S&T, but also in other fields of endeavor. The nation continues to benefit from the free education provided by the PSHS system for our gifted children.

The annual budget of the Diliman campus comes up to about P75 million. Can you imagine if we used the P1.2 billion which was lost to graft and corruption by Comelec officials for additional support to the science school system? Or the P728 million siphoned off allegedly by Joc-Joc Bolante, for illegal campaign funds for the administration? Or the P530-million overprice in the construction of the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard? Or the kickbacks that we would have had to pay for a national broadband network if it had not been exposed?

The great tragedy of our time is that so much of our resources have been diverted to the pockets of corrupt officials when we need every peso available for the education of our youth who remain, in the long run, the best hope of the nation.

The Puritan Airline—last Oct. 25 an Airbus 380, touted as the world's largest passenger aircraft and also "the quietest and most fuel-efficient," flew from Singapore to Sydney. Bearing the logo of Singapore Airlines, this A380 is configured to accommodate 471 passengers in three classes: 12 Singapore Airlines suites, 60 business class seats, and 399 economy class seats.

If one goes by the numerous advertisements that have come out in the last few weeks, the SIA A380 is the height of luxury and comfort for air passengers.

There's just one small restriction in this oasis of stylish air travel arrangements. According to an Australian, Tony Elwood, who flew with his wife in one of the first-class suites aboard the SIA inaugural flight, the carrier requested that passengers refrain from sex during the trip (Newsweek, Nov. 12 issue—Perspectives).

The INQUIRER is a member of the

PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE

The National Association of Philippine Newspapers



A different approach to Generics

Blaming Abus was convenient for probbers

From page A1

staged following a tip.

The Abu Sayyaf link to the bombing was discounted by former Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin, a political rival of Akbar.

Salapuddin has denied involvement in the bombing, knowing that Akbar's relatives would tend to blame his political foes. At the same time, Salapuddin, a former commander of the Moro National Liberation Front, has claimed one of the suspects, Ikram Indama, was his personal driver.

He said he knew the suspects and those killed in the gunfight. "I would never imagine that anyone of them would be Abu Sayyaf," he said.

Evidence

Police have recovered evidence, a House ID, showing Ikram Indama as Salapuddin's driver. Salapuddin has admitted that Indama was "my driver for more or less three years," but "as far I know, he was never an Abu Sayyaf."

The Abu Sayyaf involvement was one of the first theories worked on by the police. Their theory was that the bombing was Abu Sayyaf payback for Akbar's accusation that Abu Sayyaf terrorists had beheaded government troops in Basilan in July. Police pur-

sued this lead when staging the raid at Payatas.

Police received public applause for the swiftness of the "solution," in contrast to the Glorietta 2 explosion four weeks ago, which did not fit into the terrorist bombing scenario. That investigation got bogged down on the industrial accident explanation which did not fit the terrorist bombing formula.

In the Batasan bombing, police had no hesitation from the start to conclude it was a terrorist-related attack. They appeared so certain they were on the right track, there was no other way but the Abu Sayyaf route.

Public weariness

It was a solution that played into the hands of public weariness with the Islamic terrorist-related violence in the country.

The public appears to have accepted the explanation without too much skepticism, having been conditioned to accept for the past three decades that any bombing attack in the country could only come from the "usual suspects"—communist or Islamic terrorists and, recently, almost always the Abu Sayyaf.

After the Philippines joined the US-led coalition in the war on Islamic-related terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, bombing of the World Trade

Center buildings in New York, Philippine security authorities have targeted organizations on the terror lists of the United States and the European Union.

The campaign against communist terrorists has received impetus in the policy of the Arroyo administration to end the 39-year communist insurgency by the end of her presidency in 2010.

In this campaign, up to 800 leftist activists associated with communist "front organizations" have been killed in a government-initiated terror campaign blamed by human rights organizations and the United Nations Human Rights Commission on death squads linked to some rabidly anticommunist segments of the security forces.

Anticommunist drive

This broader aspect of the anti-terrorist campaign is not the focus of the government's effort to find a scapegoat for the Batasan bombing. It would prefer that the public ignore the death squad killings because scapegoats cannot be found among the members of the security forces.

Although the PNP has swiftly declared the Batasan bombing solved, it hesitated to consider it "closed," meaning

that it was not shutting its eyes to other alternative explanations.

Even if it pursues the investigation into the involvement of Salapuddin in the bombing, such a direction leads into the explanation that the bombing was no more than an upshot of Basilan vendetta politics. Salapuddin was representative of Basilan before Akbar.

The PNP cannot be as enthusi-

astic in pursuing the Basilan politics angle as it was in exploring the Abu Sayyaf link because that inquiry does not promise pay dirt. The PNP has already gained a public relations coup from the Payatas raid.

Public clamor

It has satisfied a public clamor for results and for blood. With the killing of the three alleged Abu Sayyaf terrorists in

the raid, the group has been painted as a public enemy. It is easy to make them scapegoats.

Not so long ago, the swash-buckling Abu Sayyaf leader, Abu Sabaya, was gunned down by naval commandos in the Sulu Sea. His death was hailed as the biggest breakthrough in the counterterrorism campaign in the country. Did it make the Batasan safe from Abu Sabaya's cohorts?

"Go only for the most trusted name in world-class fireworks"

DRAGON FIREWORKS

FREE DELIVERY

FOR INQUIRIES, CALL:
Tel. No.: 421-6135 / 911-2981
Telefax: 421-7584 • Mobile No.: 0917-8801081
Website: www.dragonfireworks.com
E-mail: dragonfireworks_888@yahoo.com.ph

WELCOME DEALERS

VISA MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

THE BEST ONLINE GAMING MAGAZINE

GAME OUT NOW

in Newsstands & Bookstores

To subscribe, call 123-4567 or email hpcards@up.ph
www.gamemagazine.ph

The Ultimate Guide to Mobile Technology

GRAB A COPY NOW FROM NEWSSTANDS FOR ONLY P100!

Call 123 7877 to order or visit www.mplus.com.ph

Attn: All Colleges & Universities, Technical & Vocational, Foundations & Dormitories' President & Administrator

Let us, guide student's education and welfare!

Participate & Exhibit,

Philippine School Scholarship Campus and Lodging Expo (Philippine SCALEx) 2008 at North & Central Luzon (NCL) on February 7-10, 2008 at Hilaga-Northern Philippines (Paskuhan Village) in San Fernando City, Pampanga

Together, let us take part and be a sponsor!

Supported by:

DepED

Pls. Call **TransSafari Events & Logistics Services**
Organizer: Tel. 856-4240 • Fax 856-3787 • Email: transsafari_events@yahoo.com.ph

BE ON TOP!

"Para sa isang bumbero, mahalaga ang bawat segundo. Dapat laging alerto. Kaya uminom ako ng Energin 300 para siguradong lagi akong handa sa anumang sakuna na haharapin ko."

- Arnilo E. Arzaga
Special Rescue Unit
Bureau of Fire Protection, Makati City

300 mg GINSENG puts you on TOP

"The strongest ginseng capsule in the market"

- Helps boost stamina and endurance
- Helps enhance memory and brain function
- Helps improve sexual performance
- Helps cope with physical and mental stress

"The all-around performance enhancer"

ENERGIN 300
Ginseng • Cayenne • Vitamins

"The strongest ginseng capsule in the market"

Available in all **mercury drug** and leading drugstores nationwide
For inquiries, call **Energin 300** hotline at 815-3239 or text 0917-8836164 Mfg. by: NOW Foods, Illinois, USA

Davenben Enterprises Corp.

Lamang ang may good memory!

Memo Plus Gold is a natural herbal supplement containing enriched standardized extract of Brahmi or Bacopa Monniera, developed and patented by the CENTRAL DRUG RESEARCH INSTITUTE (CDRI), the leading medical research institute of the Government of India, to help improve nerve impulse transmission for better memory, comprehension, and information retention. Memo Plus Gold is ideal for all students, professionals, homemakers, and the elderly. For best results, take one Memo Plus Gold capsule after a meal, twice a day, for three months. The ideal maintenance dose after three months is one capsule a day after breakfast.

MEMO PLUS GOLD HELPS:

- ENHANCE SHORT AND LONG-TERM MEMORY
- IMPROVE CONCENTRATION AND LEARNING
- ALLEVIATE ABSENT-MINDEDNESS AND FORGETFULNESS
- REDUCE ANXIETY AND STRESS
- DECREASE SENILITY AND THE EFFECTS OF AGING
- MAINTAIN YOUR GENERAL WELL-BEING

Exclusively distributed by
DAVENBEN ENTERPRISES
Unit 1207, Solina Plaza, Emerald St., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
For further information, please contact
Tel. 6388573, 6319852, 6388370
Email: mpg@davenben.com
www.davenben.com

Available at **mercury drug** stores and other leading drugstores nationwide

Now found in MIMS 112th Ed. 2007



{ Excellence }

Something we are so passionate about.

Since our inception in 1997, Asia United Bank has grown by leaps and bounds. Entering this milestone year, we are set to breach the P1-billion net profit mark—an achievement anchored on excellence.

As we consistently pursue the highest standards in banking by delivering responsive, innovative, and value-added products and services, we embark on yet another promising decade of performance as one of the most dynamic and most productive commercial banks in Asia.

Because it is our seal of excellence that made us your bank of choice.

10 YEARS
Cheers to a Decade of Excellence & Beyond!

才領能導 (Leadership) 誠 (Integrity) 精團神隊 (Teamwork) 信 (Commitment)

Asia United Bank
The Bank of Choice
www.aub.com.ph

Proud Member of **BancNet**
Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
Maximum Deposit Insurance up to P250,000

Solons support interfaith probe of blast 'Eavesdroppers' stalk media at coup hearing

By TJ Burgonio

ANAK MINDANAO PARTY-LIST REP. MUJIV Hataman yesterday backed a Muslim leader's proposal to form an interfaith body to investigate Tuesday's bombing at the Batasan driveway that killed Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar and three others.

"Of course, it's better to have an independent interfaith [probe]. That would be a big help in finding out the truth," said the congressman, who had admitted that one of the slain suspects was a distant relative.

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles agreed: "If there is a serious clamor for it, then I have no serious objections."

Hataman, however, stressed that any independent investigation by another body should be conducted parallel to the investigation of the Philippine National Police.

"If there will be a conflict in the results of the two investigations, let the public form

their own opinion," he said in a phone interview.

Nasser Marohomsalic, convenor of the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID), on Saturday proposed the creation of a body composed of leaders from different faiths to look into the blast in view of the PNP's tendency to blame Muslims for crimes.

Police theory doubted

Muslim leaders doubted the police theory that the bombing was an offshoot of political rivalries in Basilan, and said this could be part of a scenario preparatory to the full implementation of the antiterror law.

Amina Rasul, who is also a PCID convenor, proposed that the government tap foreign experts to help the police investigate the Batasan bombing, as it did in the Glorietta mall blast, in view of some people's lack of confidence in the police's im-

partiality.

"Let's see how they're able to assuage the people that the investigation will be impartial," she said.

Hataman, who has been linked to Akbar's killing by a relative, said he was cooperating with the police investigation and would show up at Camp Crame today to clear his name.

"I don't have to wait for their invitation. I will tell them I don't have anything to do with it," said Hataman. He went to the police headquarters on Friday but was told to come back with a lawyer today.

Hataman reiterated that Redwan Indama, one of the slain alleged ASG members, was a distant relative, but said that he had no personal information if he indeed was a member of the kidnapping group.

He said he had also started taking security measures after a sport utility vehicle was seen in his neighborhood, asking about him.

From page A1 seemed more interested in taking footage of the reporters than of anyone else.

Had the military become paranoid and unleashed spies on journalists covering the court-martial hearings of alleged coup plotters in Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal?

Four men with the build, stance and even the standard haircut of soldiers lurked around media people during Friday's hearing, spooking and annoying them.

"It made me feel uncomfortable because I noticed one of them was following our every move," a veteran reporter told the INQUIRER, asking not to be identified because he said he didn't want to invite controversy to himself.

He suspected the men were intelligence agents.

He said it was the first time in his nearly 10 years of covering the defense beat that he noticed the presence of men in a court-martial hearing fitting the profile of spies.

The reporter, however, surmised the men could have been under orders to monitor the journalists because earlier, during a routine check at the camp entrance, a bomb-sniffing dog had sat on his backpack, suggesting there might have been an explosive device in the bag.

A thorough check of the reporter's bag showed no bomb or explosive device.

Reporters noticed the men during Friday's court-martial hearing of 28 Marine and Army Scout Ranger officers, led by Maj. Gen. Renato Miranda and Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, who were charged with mutiny for allegedly plotting to overthrow the Arroyo administration.

At first, some journalists thought they were also reporters as they had with them sheets of paper and pens, and they took down notes.

Another man even had a handheld video camera.

But curiously, the shots he

took were those of the reporters in the courtroom and in the media registration area before the hearing began.

The media's suspicions were aroused when the men averted their eyes when reporters looked at them.

Neither did they interact with them as colleagues normally would, nor did they join in the interviews with defense lawyers.

But the men were especially alert when the journalists spoke to the accused officers—they made sure they were within earshot of the conversations.

Apparently accused Marine Col. Achilles Segumalian also sensed the presence of the "eavesdroppers."

Nearly 6 feet tall with a booming voice, Segumalian taunted one of them.

"You're with the INQUIRER, aren't you? You can put what happened here in the headline, can't you?" Segumalian said in Filipino, grinning.

He was referring to the wrangling between defense and prosecution lawyers over a legal point during the hearing.

The man could not answer Segumalian and backed off, unfortunately stepping on the toes of Rio Rose Ribaya of the Manila Bulletin.

"They did an insulting, mediocre imitation of us," Ribaya laughed.

Ribaya said the men could not even say which news organization they belonged to.

At the media holding area adjacent to the courtroom, the men and a couple of soldiers in uniform looked over the shoulders of INQUIRER chief photographer Ernie Sarmiento and photographer Edwin Bacasmas while they were transmitting photos on their laptops.

Reporters watching the scene said the INQUIRER photographers looked disconcerted—but unrattled.

Palace official clears Akbar's political foe

From page A1

involvement in the killing of Akbar, but has admitted that Indama was his former driver and that Awnal was a brother-in-law he had helped get employed as a porter at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

Police have found from Indama an ID presumably issued when Salapuddin was a congressman. Witnesses also reported seeing a vehicle with the license plate 8 of a congressman at the house that was raided in Payatas.

Salapuddin, who lost to Akbar's wife in the gubernatorial race in the May elections in Basilan, also has identified the Indama couple as former MNLF members.

"At this point, Congressman Salapuddin is not a suspect," said Director General Avelino Razon of the Philippine National Police. "Unless we can get evidence or testimony to point to his complicity in this case, then we can say that he is a suspect."

Razon said the three suspects under custody had not named the mastermind but they had admitted that the target of the Batasan attack was Akbar.

Ermita, who helped negotiate Salapuddin's surrender in 1984, said the Moro leader was a "success story in the government's rebel returnee program."



ERMITA



SALAPUDDIN

assess the statement submitted by Salapuddin on Saturday.

Barias told the INQUIRER that the mastermind and motive for the killing were still the subject of investigation.

This, he said, was what the police meant when they said that the Batasan bombing was "solved but not closed," when asked by the INQUIRER to explain the statement.

"It means that we entertain that we have the perpetrators in our hands and we have a clear picture of what happened in Batasan. We are sure that Congressman Akbar was the target," Barias said.

"But we are still digging deeper to determine the other personalities involved in the killing and the motive," he said.

Akbar's wife, Basilan Gov. Jum Akbar, yesterday filed a two-page formal complaint of four counts of murder against the three suspects.

She was accompanied to the CIDG-NCR office by lawyer Sigfried Fortun who said that the complaint basically stated how she found out how her husband died and her "reliance on the investigation of the CIDG-NCR," as well as her intention to press charges.

The governor's complaint-affidavit is to be used by the police as the basis for the formal filing of criminal charges.

Quality healthcare at its affordable best.



A different Approach to Generics

To improve access to affordable and quality medicines to millions of Filipinos, the sanofi-aventis Group, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies (No. 1 in Europe and No.3 worldwide), introduces a new breed of generics:

Winthrop Pharmaceuticals Philippines, Inc., the newest generic medicine provider, stands for affordability, quality and accessibility.

Social Responsibility

Winthrop's mission is to develop, manufacture and market generic drugs, following the sanofi-aventis Group's quality standards, to actively and responsibly contribute to the reduction of healthcare costs.

A Shared Commitment with Government

Winthrop is here to improve the health of Filipino patients by making affordable, quality medicines more accessible. Because Filipinos are at the heart of our business.

Affordability

Winthrop improves the health condition of millions of Filipinos by offering affordable drugs developed and manufactured according to the world class standards of sanofi-aventis.

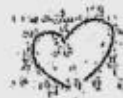
Quality

Winthrop guarantees the highest standards of quality not only in terms of product efficacy and safety, but also in terms of strict compliance to good manufacturing practice.

Accessibility

Winthrop serves the Filipinos better by improving access to affordable, quality medicines through wider distribution channels.

Quality healthcare at its affordable best.



sanofi aventis

3/F, Feliza Building, 108 V.A. Rufino St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel. no. 859-5555

Solons support interfaith probe of blast 'Eavesdroppers' stalk media at coup hearing

By TJ Burgonio

ANAK MINDANAO ART
Hataman yesterday
er's proj
investig...
Batasan...
Wahab Akbar
"Of...
penden
be a big
the...
one...
ativ
Day
agreed:
then I ha...
Hatamar
dependent
shoul' be... nau
gation
"f tu
th

Police theory doubted

police th
offshoc
id said this
rator,
antiterro

partiality.
"Let's see how they... able
people that the investigati...
tial," she said.
Hataman, who has...
bar's killing by a relati... id...
erating with the police...
would show up... Camp...
clear his name
"I don't have to wait for
will tell them I don't ha...
with it," said Hataman. He
ice headquarters on Frida...
ome back with a lawyer for
Hataman reiterated his
lament of the slain...
be... distant relative
and... personal informa...
member of the...
He said he had...
ure after a sp...
nei... shou

From page A1

tool... are those of the reporter
in the courtroom and in the me...
registration... before th...
ring began...
medi... suspicion: we...
wh... the men... ar...
th... who... reporter...
id at them...
Neither did they interact...
colleague... normal...
did they join in the...
ith defens... lawye...
me... esp... all...
journalist... pok...
office... the...
th... tion...
M...

Palace official clears Akbar's political foe

From page A1



AKBAR

SALAPUDDIN

Quality healthcare at its affordable best



A different Approach to Generics

To improve access to affordable and quality medicines to millions of Filipinos, the sanofi-aventis Group, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies (No. 1 in Europe and No.3 worldwide), introduces a new breed of generics:

Winthrop Pharmaceuticals Philippines, Inc., the newest generic medicine provider, stands for affordability, quality and accessibility.

Social Responsibility

Winthrop's mission is to develop, manufacture and market generic drugs, following the sanofi-aventis Group's quality standards, to actively and responsibly contribute to the reduction of healthcare costs.

A Shared Commitment with Government

Winthrop is here to improve the health of Filipino patients by making affordable, quality medicines more accessible. Because Filipinos are at the heart of our business.

Affordability

Winthrop improves the health condition of millions of Filipinos by offering affordable drugs developed and manufactured according to the world class standards of sanofi-aventis.

Quality

Winthrop guarantees the highest standards of quality not only in terms of product efficacy and safety, but also in terms of strict compliance to good manufacturing practice.

Accessibility

Winthrop serves the Filipinos better by improving access to affordable, quality medicines through wider distribution channels.

Quality healthcare at its affordable best.

sanofi aventis

3/F Feliza Building, 108 V.A. Rufino St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel. 859-5555

Life just too cruel for Conde

From page A1

ees accosted the owner, 65-year-old Jose Hernandez, who even tried to load the crippled horse into a jeepney.

"It's not every day that you see a horse collapse in front of your office. Seeing the owner force the horse to get up was too much and one just had to intervene," said editor Aries Espinosa, one of the employees who first rushed to the scene and called a veterinarian.

According to the responding staff of Modomo Veterinary Clinic in Makati, the horse which was pulling a sulky and heading for the Philippine Racing Club at the Sta. Ana Race Track, was malnourished and severely dehydrated. A sulky is a lightweight, two-wheeled cart usually pulled by a horse or dogs.

"The condition of Conde is so despicable. Yes, the horse is already old with his hind legs showing evidence of fractures. But the evidence is clear that the owner was maltreating the horse," said Dr. Percy Modomo, who used up eight bottles of dextrose to revive the fallen horse.

Irreversible

But in the end, Modomo decided to put Conde to sleep as his condition was irreversible. The doctor volunteered to take the body for safekeeping and later informed the INQUIRER that it would be buried in his farm in Lipa City in Batangas.

Rebutting the veterinarian's claim, Hernandez insisted that he was taking good care of his horse which he claimed he had sold but bought back a few months ago.

Hernandez, who failed to show a registration for the horse, said he sold Conde several years ago for P20,000.

"Conde became a sulky racer and had different owners. When his last owner realized that he no longer needed the horse and voiced his intention to have Conde slaughtered, I decided to buy the horse back for P5,000 three months ago," said Hernandez, who left the scene with the sulky after realizing he could no longer take his horse home.

According to a source who refused to give his name, Hernandez used Conde as a form of transport from his stable on Mojica Street in Bangkal, Makati, to other places in the city but more often to the Sta. Ana Race Track, just a few blocks away from the INQUIRER office.

Slaughterhouse

"But he told me of his plan to eventually slaughter Conde because he was already old and sickly," said the source, who added that Hernandez had a slaughterhouse in his stable.

According to Mona Consunji of the Animal Welfare Coalition (AWC), a horse may be considered a food animal but there should be a process that must be strictly followed in slaughtering. The slaughterhouse

should also be licensed.

Consunji rushed to the scene after she was informed of Conde's plight and assisted the horse during his last hours.

Responding authorities, PO2 Rory Jay Fernandez and PO1 Richard Calalay of the Makati police, said they would investigate the slaughterhouse in Bangkal that Hernandez owns.

Hernandez could be held liable for Conde's fate under the Philippine Animal Welfare Act, which makes it unlawful for any person to torture, to neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat any animal, including horses.

Several motorists who saw Conde along Malugay Street that afternoon already noted that the horse was limping. Bystanders also noted that Conde was already on his knees as he was nearing the INQUIRER office.

METRO PACIFIC INVESTMENTS

METRO PACIFIC INVESTMENTS CORPORATION

NOTICE TO ALL WARRANT HOLDERS OF METRO PACIFIC INVESTMENTS CORPORATION

Please be reminded that pursuant to the Warrant Instrument dated 23 October 2006, including the Terms and Conditions of the Warrants issued by Metro Pacific Investments Corporation ("MPIC Warrants"), the Exercise Period for the MPIC Warrants lapses on December 15, 2007.

If you are still holding any MPIC Warrants and should you decide to exercise the same, your Notice of Exercise and other documentary requirements and the corresponding warrant exercise price payment must be submitted to and received by Registrar for the MPIC Warrants at the Transfer Office, before the close of business on December 14, 2007 (December 15, 2007 being a Saturday).

Please note that all MPIC Warrants that remain unexercised after December 15, 2007 shall automatically lapse and shall be of no further force and effect after the same date.

Should you have any questions on the foregoing, you may get in touch with Ms. Melody del Rosario through telephone number (632) 888-0888.

Very truly yours,



ANTONIO A. PICAZO
Corporate Secretary

Registrar: Stock Transfer Services, Inc.

Transfer Office: 8th Floor, PHINMA Plaza
39 Plaza Drive, Rockwell Center
Makati City, Metro Manila
Telephone number (632) 898 7555

REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS) invites interested parties to purchase by way of sealed bids the following properties on "cash" or "term", "as-is, where-is" basis:

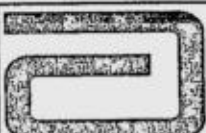
Item No.	Description	Location	Minimum / Floor Price
07-11-1	5 industrial lots with combined area of 9,448 sqm (can be sold separately)	Bulacan Agro-Industrial Subdivision, McArthur Highway, Calumpit, Bulacan	P27,567,865.00
07-11-2	4 residential lots (300 sqm each or combined area of 1,200 sqm)	Bgy Pimienta, Umingan, Pangasinan	P482,670.00
07-11-3	2 residential lots (500 sqm each or combined area of 1,000 sqm)	Bgy Prado, Umingan, Pangasinan	P219,240.00
07-11-4	House & Lot L/A 2,607 sqm F/A 618.98 sqm	29 Sunflower Drive, Beverly Hills exec Village, Taytay, Rizal	P6,373,432.00
07-11-5	House & Lot L/A 329 sqm F/A 167 sqm	B18, L4, Rosario Bayview Subd., Sucat, Muntinlupa	P2,212,686.00
07-11-06	House & Lot L/A 143 sqm F/A 138 sqm	B7, L3, North Matrixville Subd., Camarin, Caloocan City	P861,124.00
07-11-07	294 sqm Residential Lot	Blk 3, Lot 8, Milton St. Filinvest Homes II, Quezon City	P1,237,005.00
07-11-08	322 sqm Residential Lot	Blk 1A, Lot 70, Victoria Homes, Muntinlupa City	P492,930.00
07-11-09	3,000 sqm residential Lot and 16,000 sqm cocoland	Bgy Cajimos, Romblon, Romblon	P1,440,743.00

For interested parties, please note the following activities that will be held at the Board Room, RSBS, 424 Capinpin Avenue, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C.:


Pre-Bidding Conference	Deadline for Acceptance of Bids	Opening of Sealed Bids
November 27, 2007	December 4, 2007	December 4, 2007
10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.

Bidding documents shall be available starting November 20, 2007 at the Property Management Office, 2/F, RSBS Bldg., Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. at P500.00 each.

For inquiries, please call Liza or Darwin at 912-4718 during office hours



Committed to Quality of Life



Hurry! Limited Offer FREE!

Buy: 3 Boxes of Optimum Xceed Meter
1 Box of Optimum Xceed Strips (50's) and
1 Box of Thin Lancets (100's)

Xceed™ GIFT PACK

The new Optimum™ and strips will automatically recognize and adapt to your blood glucose levels to help you achieve better control. When you use an Abbott Optimum™ you receive the benefits of new technology from Abbott.

Loss Time 5 seconds
Loss Blood 0.6µl

For inquiries please contact: Abbott Diabetes Care
102-1105A, Mandaluyong City
Tel: (83-2) 792-8578 / (83-2) 792-8577 (Direct Line)
Office: (83-2) 792-8577

Available at **Mercury drug Stores Nationwide**

Abbott
A Promise for Life



LV-X7 PROJECTOR

High-res XGA resolution (1024 x 768)
1500 lumens
1.6x Wide-Angle Zoom
Near-silent 25dB Quiet Mode
Up to 3000 hrs. lamp life

FREE PowerShot A560 w/ 1gig SD card worth P15,950

2-year Warranty!

ORIGINAL SRP: P59,950
PROMO PRICE: P54,950



LV-7260 PROJECTOR

High-res XGA resolution (1024 x 768)
2000 lumens
1.6x Wide-Angle Zoom
Near-silent 29dB Quiet Mode
Up to 3000 hrs. lamp life

FREE PowerShot A570 IS w/ 1gig SD card worth P16,950

2-year Warranty!

ORIGINAL SRP: P65,000
PROMO PRICE: P59,950

LENSAPPEAL

BUY 1 TAKE 1

LCD PROJECTOR + CANON POWERSHOT

Extended until December 31, 2007
- as approved by DTI-NCR

Model	Price
SU-800 Melody	30,450
VP-50A SRC	30,500
SU-800 Melody	50,490
VP-50A SRC	30,500

XGA RESOLUTION (1024x768)

GENUINE CANON OPTICS

1.6x WIDE-ANGLE ZOOM

FOR MORE INQUIRIES, YOU MAY CONTACT:

Canon Marketing (Phils.) Head Office:
Corporate Hotline: 884-9041 to 43, 884-9016
Corporate E-mail: cli-admin_corp@cspl.canon.com.sg
Trunkline: 884-9000 Fax: 810-9797



The VALUE SYSTEMS PHILS., INC.
Tel: 716-0869 / 1468 / 2757 / 2879
Fax: 338-1818

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4404 Series of 2007

NOW ON ITS 10th WEEK!

Go on a pilgrimage and journey back in time with Jesus...

Experience His Passion, Death, and Resurrection in a touching lights and sound exhibit...

Discover the history and science behind one of the world's most precious treasures...

Witness the exposition of what is believed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ like in Turin, Italy...

The most accurate replicas of the Shroud, from the collection of Barrie Schwortz, the 1978 Official Documenting Photographer, that tours the world is showcased at the exhibit.

CATCH THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

THE MYSTERY OF

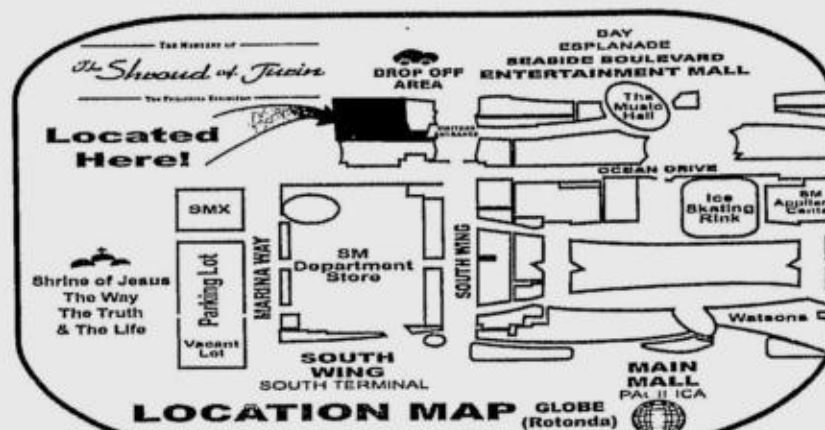
The Shroud of Turin

THE PHILIPPINE EXHIBITION

SM Mall of Asia (Ground Floor South Wing, Entertainment Mall)

September 8 - December 9, 2007 • 10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TICKET COUNTER LOCATED AT THE EXHIBIT ENTRANCE.



For more information and group tour reservations, please contact:

The Shroud Exhibits International, Inc.

5th Floor Accelerando Building, 395 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Brgy. Bel-Air 1209 Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines
Tel. Nos.: (632) 550-0650 • 895-2966 • 610-0870 • Fax No.: (632) 896-0695
Lanile - (0917) 896-0682 • Grace (0926) 680-4289 • Leng - (0922) 837-6254 • Maricar - (0915) 672-0443
Website: www.shroudexhibits.ph • Email: info@shroudexhibits.ph

IS THIS THE
FACE OF
JESUS CHRIST?

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-8871
E-mail: inq_bagulo@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
2nd Floor, Los Baños Bldg.
Cor. Pinaranda and Aguinaldo Sts.
Legazpi City
Tel/Fax No. (052) 480-4182
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

E-mail: pr_provincial_news@inquirer.com.phWebsite: www.inquirer.net/regions

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: inq_cebu@inquirer.com.ph

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: inq_davao@inquirer.com.ph

Text us your feedback: Inquirer atn name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Across the NATION



WAITING FOR ERAP

Pagsanjan Central School pupils were required to welcome former President Joseph Estrada even on a Saturday. Pagsanjan, the hometown of Estrada's great grandfather, Emilio Ejercito, is headed by Mayor Emilio Ramon "ER" Ejercito Estregan.

NIÑA CATHERINE CALLEJA/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

Davao road seen to help illegal loggers

CITY OF MATI—A GOVERNMENT-funded road project in the villages of Cabuaya and Macambol here has paved the way for illegal loggers, according to an environment official.

Romeo Torres, the community environment and natural resources officer, said operators of illegal logging were "very happy" at the ongoing road construction "because it makes their operation smooth."

"They can now use 10-wheel-

er trucks to transport the illegally cut logs from these villages," he said.

Torres said that before the road was built in the two villages, the illegal loggers had been having a hard time transporting the logs.

"They had to use motorized pump boats to transport the logs. Now, it has become easier for them to transport their logs because of a P40-million road project in these two villages," he said.

He and other officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources were planning to ask the provincial government to stop the construction of the road connecting Barangays Macambol and Cabuaya, he said.

"This is a project of former Gov. Maria Elena Palma Gil. Now that she's out of office, we can request the incumbent governor, Corazon Malanyaon, to stop construction because the project on-

ly worsens the illegal logging problem here," Torres said.

He described the road project as "half done."

Last week, DENR personnel sought the assistance of the military and police "to stop an Isuzu truck fully loaded with illegally cut logs from Barangay Macambol."

"We are not so stupid as to pick a fight with these illegal loggers because they are heavily armed," Torres said. **Ferdinand Zuasola, Inquirer Mindanao**

Renewed logging in Samar suspended

By TJ Burgonio

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY LITO ATIENZA HAS ordered the suspension of a new permit issued by his predecessor to a big-time firm to resume logging in more than 50,000 hectares in Samar.

Atienza hastily issued the order on Nov. 17 to stop Basey Wood Industries (Baswood) from resuming operations on the island after an 18-year moratorium on logging.

Then Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes issued the order, dated June 21, allowing Baswood to resume cutting trees in the area covered by its timber licensing agreement (TLA).

The order, however, was received by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regional office only last week.

"We are [very] concerned about climate change and I can't find any logic why we should allow the cutting of trees on such a massive scale," Atienza said over the phone yesterday.

"Here we are encouraging everybody to plant trees, climbing mountains, going to the remotest barangays, then we hear something like this. This is alarming. How do we educate the people if they hear about the DENR cutting trees?" he said.

Atienza, who took over Reyes' post in August, said that he would strictly implement the selective log ban earlier en-

forced in Samar and elsewhere.

"Not in my administration will that (tree-cutting) happen. I'm going to put out the general intention of the log ban. We will strictly enforce it to the letter. We have a law, let's implement it to the fullest," he said.

Reyes' order extending Baswood's TLA by six more years virtually lifted the logging moratorium in Samar, according to DENR regional officials.

Baswood's operations were halted in 1989 when the government declared the moratorium. Its TLA covered a concession area of 57,525 ha, and was effective from 1971 to 1995.

The six-year extension would allow the firm to cut the same amount of timber that it failed to cut during the ban.

Atienza said Baswood's permit would be reviewed in a transparent process to determine if it was justified to resume cutting timber on the island.

Ricardo Tomol, DENR technical director for forest protection, said Baswood's area had been reduced by 30 percent since 70 percent is part of the Samar Island Natural Park, a protected area.

NEWSBRIEFS

3 die in Laguna digging site

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Three persons died of suffocation while digging for treasures inside a tunnel in a residential area in Bifan, Laguna, on Nov. 13.

Laguna police director Senior Supt. Felipe Rojas Jr. said the fatalities—Apolinario Samiano, 35, his brother Bonifacio, 28, and Percival Deldago, 42—were tricycle drivers and construction workers moonlighting as treasure hunters.

He said relatives of the victims told investigators that the three were digging for treasures supposedly buried by Japanese soldiers at the end of World War II.

The victims used crude tools in their treasure hunting, which they started more than a month ago.

"The victims were not trained diggers or miners," he said in a mobile phone interview.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon

Ex-Tagaytay councilor shot dead

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Two motorcycle-riding men shot dead a former councilor, who belonged to the most influential political clan in Tagaytay City, in front of his house on Nov. 14, police said.

Emmanuel Tolentino, 51, a real estate broker and former city councilor, died at the Aslan Medical Hospital in Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

Mayor Bambol Tolentino, a cousin of Emmanuel, said the victim left politics in the late 1980s after he lost in his reelection bid as councilor.

Cavite police director Senior Supt. Fidel Posadas said Tolentino was outside his house in Barangay Sungay West at 11:25 a.m. when the gunmen suddenly appeared and shot him at close range.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon

Bus overturns; 12 people hurt

TUMAUINI, Isabela—At least 12 people were hurt on Nov. 13 when a bus bound for Tuguegarao City overturned along the national highway in Barangay Lalauanan here, said Tumauni police chief Senior Insp. Andres Baccay.

The driver of the Nelbusco bus, Roy Borja, lost control of the steering wheel when he tried to avoid a tricycle crossing an intersection. The bus, which came from Santiago City, hit a waiting shed before it overturned in front of the Lalauanan High School, police said.

The victims, including Borja, were taken to different hospitals in Isabela and nearby provinces.

Villamor Visaya Jr., Inquirer Northern Luzon

Bulacan remembers Gregorio del Pilar

BULAKAN, BULACAN—The 132nd birth anniversary of Gen. Gregorio del Pilar was commemorated on Nov. 14 in Barangay San Jose here with street dancing, wreath-offering and flag-raising rites.

Del Pilar, the youngest general in the Philippine Revolutionary Forces during the Philippine Revolution and the Philippine-American War, was born on Nov. 14, 1875, to Fernando H. del Pilar and Felipa Sempio of San Jose town. He was the nephew of propagandist Marcelo H. del Pilar.

Del Pilar distinguished himself as a field commander while fighting Spanish garrisons in Bulacan.



Delighting You Always

10
Delightful Years
IN THE PHILIPPINES

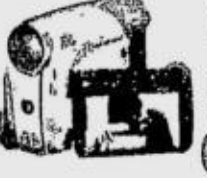
Shoot, Travel and Fly this Holiday Season.

Promo runs from October 23, 2007 to January 15, 2008





ZR800
• 35x Optical Zoom with Electronic Image Stabilizer
• 1000x Digital Zoom
• 16:9 widescreen LCD
• 2.7" LCD screen
SRP: Php 19,950



ZR830
• 35x Optical Zoom with Electronic Image Stabilizer
• 1000x Digital Zoom
• 16:9 widescreen LCD
• 2.7" LCD screen
SRP: Php 22,950



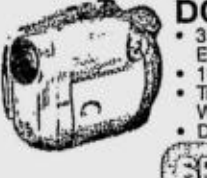
ZR850
• 35x Optical Zoom with Electronic Image Stabilizer
• 1000x Digital Zoom
• 16:9 widescreen LCD
• 2.7" LCD screen
SRP: Php 27,950

Free: tripod, DV bag, 1 miniDV tape, and 1 Cebu Pacific round trip ticket to top travel destinations.

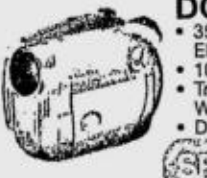
DVD Camcorders



DC210
• 35x Optical Zoom with Electronic Image Stabilizer
• 1000x Digital Zoom
• True Hi-Res 16:9 Widescreen Mode
• Dual Layer Recording
SRP: Php 27,500



DC220
• 35x Optical Zoom with Electronic Image Stabilizer
• 1000x Digital Zoom
• True Hi-Res 16:9 Widescreen Mode
• Dual Layer Recording
SRP: Php 27,500



DC230
• 35x Optical Zoom with Electronic Image Stabilizer
• 1000x Digital Zoom
• True Hi-Res 16:9 Widescreen Mode
• Dual Layer Recording
SRP: Php 28,950

Free: tripod, DV bag, 1 DVDR-DL, and up to 2 Cebu Pacific round trip tickets to top travel destinations. DC230 also comes with 1 512 MB miniSD card.


Free: tripod, DV bag, 1 DVDR-DL, 1 512 MB miniSD card and up to 3 Cebu Pacific round trip tickets to top travel destinations.

DC50
• 10x zoom with Super Range Optical Image Stabilizer
• 5.39 megapixel CCD
• 1/2.7 CCD sensor (Bayer)
• True Hi-Res 16:9 Widescreen Mode
• Dual Layer Recording
SRP: Php 13,950

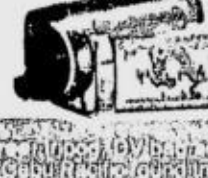
High Definition Video Camcorders



HV20
• 10x Optical zoom with Super Range Optical Image Stabilizer
• 2.96 Megapixel (1920x1080 True Full HD CMOS Sensor)
• Cinematic quality recording with 24p CINE Frame Rate
SRP: Php 24,950



HR10 AVCHD DVD
• 10x Optical zoom with Super Range Optical Image Stabilizer
• 2.96 Megapixel (1920x1080 True Full HD CMOS Sensor)
• Cinematic quality recording with 24p CINE Frame Rate
SRP: Php 24,950



HG10 AVCHD HDD
• 10x Optical zoom with Super Range Optical Image Stabilizer
• 2.96 Megapixel (1920x1080 True Full HD CMOS Sensor)
• Cinematic quality recording with 24p CINE Frame Rate
SRP: Php 24,950



HV10
• 10x Optical zoom with Super Range Optical Image Stabilizer
• 2.96 Megapixel (1920x1080 True Full HD CMOS Sensor)
• DIGIC DV II
• RGB Bayer Filter Placement
SRP: Php 24,950

To avail of the free ticket fare, call Lakbay.Net at (02) 635-1892, (02) 635-4212 or (02) 635-9684.

Purchase a participating Canon PhotoDV camcorder and get a free roundtrip Cebu Pacific ticket to 1 of 10 destinations.

Destinations to or from Manila include: Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Bacolod, Cebu, Dumaguete, Boracay, Palawan, Ilocos, Bicol, Bohol
Depends on seat class & destination




Canon ImageNation HOLIDAY!

Insist on an original warranty issued by Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc. 2/F Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Rocas Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St. Makati City • Tel. 884 9000 Fax 810 9797 • E-mail: info@canon.com.ph or www.canon.com.ph

*Available for credit cards of participating dealers. See catalogue and flyer for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3009, Series of 2007.

AN OPEN LETTER
TO

HER EXCELLENCY GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
TO ADDRESS THE PICOP RESOURCES INCORPORATED'S
(PICOP) ABUSES AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE FROM CONCERNED SURIGAONONS AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

November 19, 2007

Dear Madame President:

The religious community and the concerned sectoral groups (of indigenous communities, farmers, workers, fisher-folks, businessmen, etc.) of Bislig City, Surigao del Sur, urgently request for your executive remedial and/or investigative attention – to the ECONOMIC SABOTAGE that the PICOP has systematically resorted to in the commercial utilization of the forest products/resources from the 21,680-hectare timberland granted to it by the government under the Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) 35, Timber License Agreement (TLA) 43 and Pulpwood and Timber Licensing Agreement PTLA 47 – exemplified by the following abuses and/or violations, namely:

1. UNABATED ON-GOING ILLEGAL LOGGING activities within areas covered by IFMA 35, TLA 43 and PTLA 47 owing to:

(a) lack of the requisite Environment Compliance Certificate(ECC), (b) absence and/or violation of Annual Integrated Operation Plan (AIOP), (c) lack or non-observance of 5-Year Forest Protection Program and 7-Year Reforestation Plan, especially, to the area covered by TLA 43, (d) indiscriminate destructive cutting of trees within TLA 43, by expanding the illegal logging operations to the watershed areas at Baran gays Mone and Burboanan, the setting of Tinuy-an Falls; (e) violations of the terms and conditions of the Transition Development Management Plan (TDMP), which the DENR had granted to PRI to cut trees within the expired TLA 43, pending its conversion into IFMA, (f) farming out of license to private contractors, and (g) deceptive expansion of concession areas to the A & D areas by using the unapproved BFFR demarcation lines between the timberland and the A & D areas, instead of the LC Map 2468 demarcation lines.

The tree stumps of the felled logs for the year 2006 – 2007 within the afore-stated watershed areas will attest to this fact.

Incidentally, TLA 43 expired on April 25, 2002, while PTLA 47 expired on February 7, 2006. IFMA 35 will soon expire on December 31, 2007. PRI has applied for conversion of the expired TLA 43 into IFMA, which application was not acted favorably by former DENR Secretary Heherson Alvarez, an action upheld by the Supreme Court in a case (G.R. No. 162243) per Decision promulgated November 29, 2006.

2. UNABATED ON-GOING SHIPMENT OF RAW LOGS DIRECT FROM THE TIMBERLAND CUTTING AREAS OUT OF BISLIG CITY, instead of processing the same into finished products (i.e. lumber, veneer and plywood) in PRI's plants at Tabon, Bislig City, PRI having been established as a wood-based industry. Thus, depriving employment to thousands of people in Bislig City, and depriving further the City of Bislig with revenues.

PRI has closed its Lumber, Veneer and Plywood Plants about 12 years ago but keeps on harvesting the native grown Dipterocarp trees from the expired TLA 43 and PTLA 47.

3. OPERATING WITHOUT BUSINESS PERMIT, NOT PAYING REAL PROPERTY TAXES, FOREST CHARGES AND OTHER FEES DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT in utilizing the natural forest products, as well as not paying its long overdue accumulated obligations on customs duties. THUS, PRI IS MORE OF LIABILITY RATHER THAN AN ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR TO THE COFERS OF THE LOCAL TREASURY.

Lately, PRI has been operating its paper manufacturing plants without a business permit. Neither does it pay local business taxes (i.e., real property taxes, etc.) which would amount already to Php 59,000,000.00, more or less, as of June 2007.

The Supreme Court's Decision in G.R. No. 162243 mentioned the fact that PRI has failed to pay regular forest charges, interest, penalties and surcharges and silvicultural fees amounting to Php 167,592,440.90 as of 30 August 2002. For the period January 2001 to December 30, 2005, PRI has accumulated unpaid customs duties and taxes with the Bureau of Customs in the amount of Php 249,980,763.00. By now, the foregoing liabilities appear to have not been paid or settled and have increased significantly.

4. VIOLATIONS OF WORKERS' RIGHTS TO JUST AND UP TO DATE COMPENSATIONS as well as to their BASIC RIGHTS and FRINGE BENEFITS under the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, LABOR CODE and other allied social legislations:

a) by presently delaying the payment of salaries of its regular and casual employees from 75 to 90 days from date of close of payroll period to date of payment, thus forcing the oppressed workers to have their semi-monthly payroll discounted by some members of PRI Administrative Staff; b) by rehiring of casuals, as casuals, after a break of 2 – 3 days every six months, and c) by rehiring of contractual workers, as contractual workers, after a break of 2 – 3 days, thus, some casual employees and contractual employees remain in status as such casual/contractual workers for 5 – 10 years.

The foregoing is in addition to the fact that the workers have yet to receive their 13th – month pay for the year 2006, not to mention the fact that the workers have not been given salary increases for about ten (10) years already. There are instances where a casual utility employee of the City Hall of Bislig City receives more than a regular employee of the PRI.

5. VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS ON AIR AND WATER POLLUTION that caused health problems to the populace and the rising cases of cancer incidents in Bislig City. The pollution of the air and sea water coming from the paper plants of PRI have caused the rising cases of cancer in the locality according to the findings of Dr. Victorio B. Molina of the College of Public Health – Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, University of the Philippines-Manila.

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of Region XIII confirmed the pollution. The result of Stack Sampling Test showed the concentration of the Particulate Matter emission is 623.56 mg/Ncm, exceeding the DENR Standard 150 mg/Ncm as provided for under Article 3, section 19 of RA 8749 of Philippine Clear Air Act of 1999.

A case was filed with the Pollution Adjudication Board (PAB) at the National Office Visayas Avenue, Quezon City by EMB Caraga Region XIII because of such violation. This case was decided on March 29, 2006 ordering the PRI to complete the construction of its Water Treatment Facilities and comply with the standards for all applicable parameters set forth by the DENR. PRI failed to comply, thus, it was issued a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) by PAB on November 29, 2006. The CDO remains unserved and not enforced because PRI Managers refused the government enforcers to get inside its plant. PRI raised the CDO to the Office of the President and managed to secure a Stay Order of the CDO implementation. By this Stay Order coming no less from the Office of the President, the pollution caused by PRI plants to Bislig City remains unabated.

6. VIOLATIONS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS TO THEIR CLAIM UNDER IPRA LAW (R.A. No. 8371) OF THEIR ANCESTRAL DOMAIN within IFMA 35, TLA 43 and PTLA 47.

PRI encroaches and controls the ancestral domain of the IPs in spite of its expired TLA 43 and PTLA 47. PRI seeks conversion of TLA No. 43 into IFMA without the FREE AND PRIOR INFORMED AND WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE IPs/ICCs concerned in their respective CADC, CADT, which violates Section 59, RA 8371 (IPRA Law). This violation is one reason why the Supreme Court upheld former DENR Secretary Heherson Alvarez in disapproving PRI's Application for Conversion of TLA 43 into IFMA.

The League of United Manobo, Mamanwa and Mandaya of Agusan, Davao and Surigao (LUMMADS), amidst PRI's disregard of their right, had passed several resolutions, namely:

(a) Resolution No. 06-01-061, requesting the National Chairman of the Commission on Indigenous People, the Hon. Jannette C. Serrano, to help fast track the CADC and CADT applications of the LUMMADS as well as to protect their ancestral domain from the encroachment of PRI and its logging contractors, (b) Resolution No. 06-01-062, requesting the Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lumibao to investigate the killings of members of the LUMMADS within the PRI concessions stretching the provinces of Davao Oriental, Compostela Valley, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur, (c) Resolution No. 06-01-063, requesting the Good General Generoso Senga, Chief of Staff, to abolish the Special Civilian Auxiliary Army (SCAA) organized by PRI, (d) Resolution No. 04, Series of 2006, requesting the NCIP and DENR Secretaries to implement fully the Supreme Court Decision in G.R. No. 162243, (e) Resolution No. 01, Series of 2007, requesting the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) Chairman Jannette C. Serrano, the Secretary of the DENR, Hon. Angelo Reyes, through the NCIP Regional Director Atty. Jake Dumagan to enforce Republic 8371, known as IPRA Law, by delineating and excluding the CADC, CALT, & CAD (known as Ancestral Domain) from the expired TLA 43 and IFMA 35 of PRI and from the Western Mahogany IFM # 01; and to deputize the Indigenous People in guarding their respective CADC and CADT including the areas excluded from the PRI concession by virtue of the Supreme Court's Decision in G.R. No. 162243, and (f) Resolution No. 02, Series of 2007, requesting the Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Ronaldo Puno and Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, through the Regional NCIP Atty. Jake Dumagan, to enforce the Republic Act No. 8371, by delineating and excluding the CADC and CADT from PRI's expired TLA 43, IFMA 35 and Western Mahogany IFMA # 01.

Hence, PRI, under its present management is more of an economic liability than a blessing to Bislig City and the neighboring provinces. PRI undermines the existence of the indigenous communities and the right to share the patrimony of the nation. It does not provide enough employment to the people. It destroys the forest and pollutes the atmosphere and the surroundings. It defies legal authorities and violates our laws with impunity. It exists as if it owns the natural resource to plunder beyond the reach of the law.

Thus, the Supreme Court pronounced in G.R. No. 162243 that: "PICOP has been fortunate to have been awarded an enormous concession area and thus, a huge chunk of benefits of this country's natural resources. Attached to this fortune is the responsibility to comply with the laws and regulations implementing the stated legislative policies of the environmental preservation and benefit distribution. These laws and regulations should not be ignored, and the courts should not condone such blatant disregard by those who believe they are above the law because of their sizable investments and significant number of workers employed...The judicial policy of nurturing prosperity would be better served by granting such concessions to someone who will abide by the law."


Incidentally, the total area of Bislig City is 40,530 hectares, and 21, 680 hectares of which is covered by TLA 43 of PRI and the remaining 21,680 hectares is alienable and disposable upon which about 91,000 people of Bislig City source their livelihood.

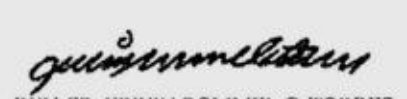
May we inform all concerned government agencies that this belief of PRI's sizable investment and significant number of workers employed is no longer true at present. PRI maintains a large number of obsolete machineries, dilapidated buildings and logged-over areas that are about 80% void of natural grown or planted trees. To date, PRI employs barely 2,000 regular and casual workers only.


Lately, PRI accused two priests, REV. FR. FLORIO R. FALCON and REV. FR. ERWIN ROMMEL C. TORRES, of five counts (Criminal Cases Nos. 07-1456 to 07-1460) and two counts (Criminal Cases Nos. 07-1461 to 07-1462) of libel, respectively, before Branch 138 of the Regional Trial Court of Makati City, for unraveling the truth of the foregoing concerns.

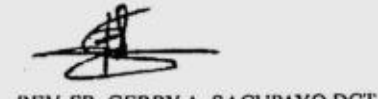
Your Excellency, we are confronted with the foregoing tragic realities because of the dereliction of duties by, and ineptitude of, the LGU, the DENR and the other concerned government agencies, who turned callous and indifferent to the tragic plight of Bislig City and its inhabitants, in particular, and to the neighboring communities and provinces, in general.


Therefore, Her Excellency's Direct Executive remedial and/or investigative intervention on the PRI's abuses and sabotage of our economy is urgently sought. Otherwise, to whom shall we turn to?

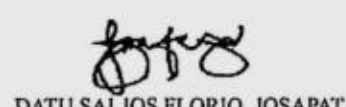

REV. FR. FLORIO R. FALCON, DCT
SVD Parish Priest &
Pres. Kalihukan Bantay Kabuhatan, Inc.
(KABAKAI)



REV. FR. ERWIN ROMMEL C. TORRES
President of SVP College & Parochial Vicar
SVPP Mangagoy, Bislig City,
Surigao del Sur



REV. FR. GLENN C. INFUESTO
Vice Pres. SVDPC & Vicar
SVDPP, Mangagoy, Bislig City
Surigao del Sur

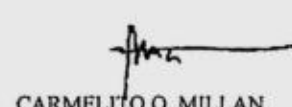

REV. FR. GERRY A. SACUPAYO, DCT
Parochial Vicar, SVD Parish
Mangagoy, Bislig City,
Surigao del Sur

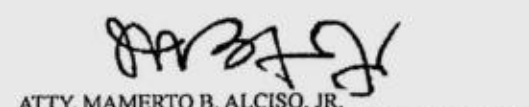

MARCELINO C. DARUCA, CPA
BANGO President
Tabon, Bislig City,
Surigao del Sur


DATU SALJOS FLORIO JOSAPAT
BIBAHILITA President
Coletto, Bislig City,
Surigao del Sur

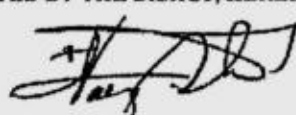

DATU FRED TABONAN
Vice Pres. FETRESCO
Trento, Agusan del Norte


DATU TINUY-AN WILFREDO DUMUGOY
SUPREME DATU, Brgy. Tinuy-an
Bislig City, Surigao del Sur


CARMELITO O. MILLAN
Social Action Chairman
Mangagoy, Bislig City, SDS


ATTY. MAMERTO B. ALCISO, JR.
ALCISO MATUNOG & PANIAMOGAN LAW OFFICE
AMP Building, Andres Soriano Ave.,
Mangagoy, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur

IN TOTAL SUPPORT TO THE ABOVE STATEMENT, THE PRESBYTERIUM OF THE DIOCESE OF TANDAG
SURIGAO DEL SUR, AS REPRESENTED BY THE BISHOP, HEREBY AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE:



+NEREO P. ODCHIMAR, DD, JCD
Vice-President, Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP)
Bishop of Tandag Diocese



Window Collection.

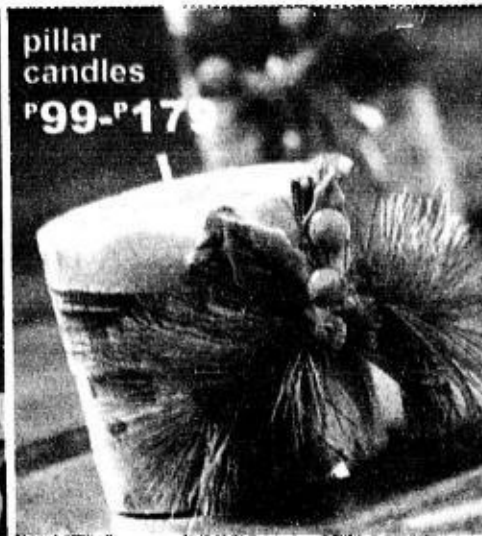
A stirring blend of simple but extravagant detailed window collection. It makes a beautiful statement individually or can be layered beneath draperies.

P350



table top tree

P999⁷⁵



pillar candles

P99-P179



ball ornaments with glitter design

P179⁷⁵



table cloth

P299-P1,549



holiday kitchen linens

P99⁷⁵



scented candle

P119-149



snow star set of 3

P339⁷⁵



dragonfly tree ornament set of 3

P219



throw pillows

P119⁷⁵-P249⁷⁵



ball ornament

P129



Great holiday decorating ideas and gift suggestions!

Holidays '07

Bonifacio, Global City



mugs galore

P49⁷⁵



Salad Bowl with Cradle and Servers Set

P979⁷⁵



picture frames

P69⁷⁵-P855



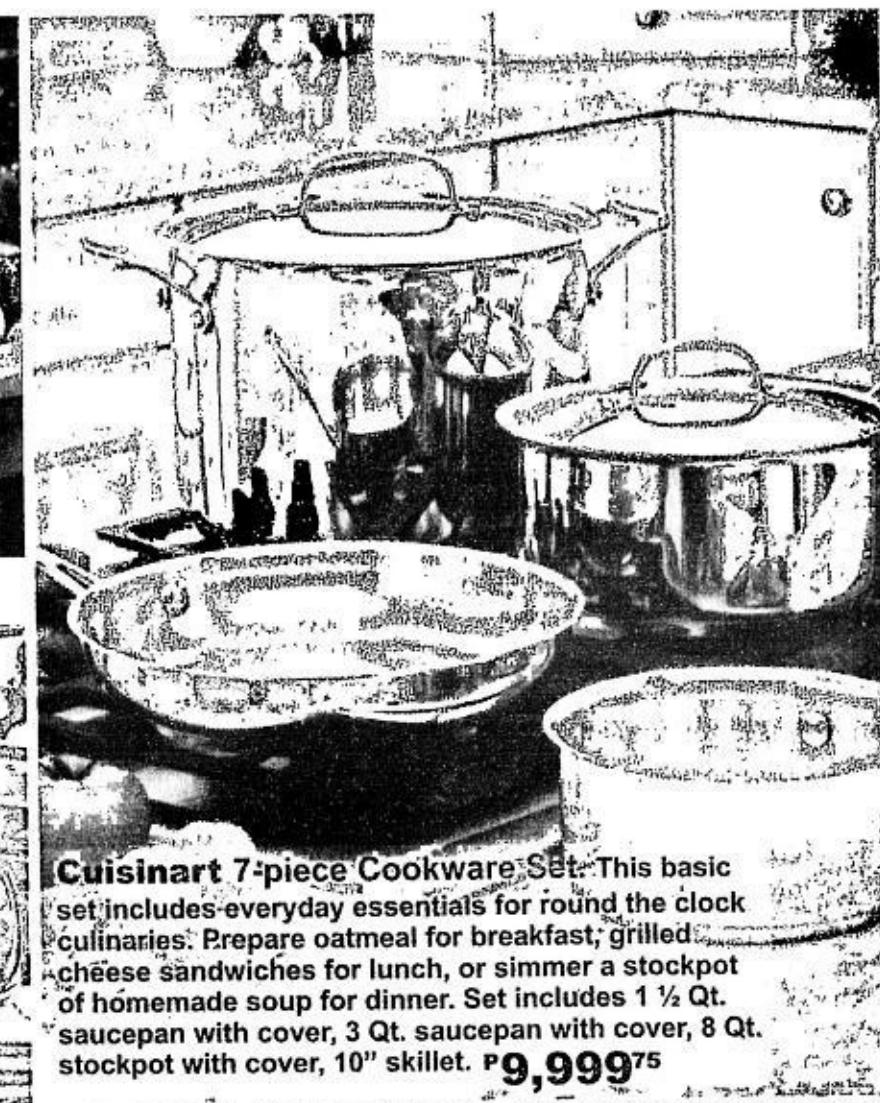
Rubbermaid servin saver container

P89⁷⁵-P299⁷⁵

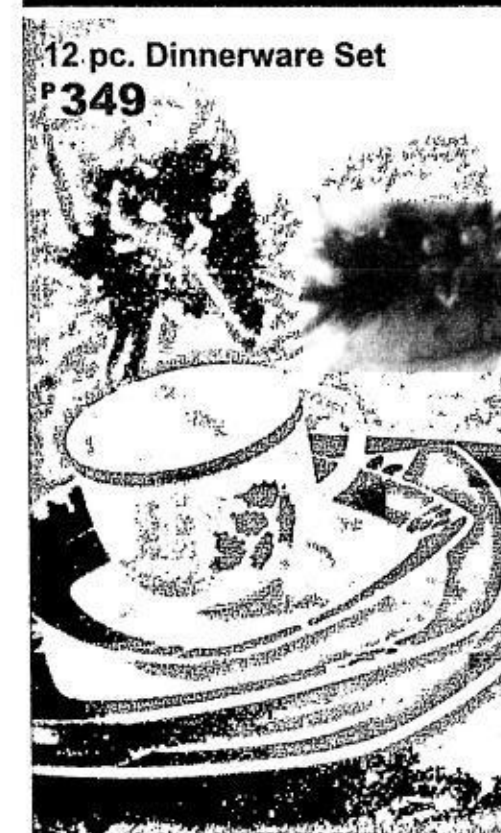


Home Gallery astro vacuum food keepers

P89⁷⁵-P199⁷⁵



Cuisinart 7-piece Cookware Set: This basic set includes everyday essentials for round the clock culinary: Prepare oatmeal for breakfast; grilled cheese sandwiches for lunch, or simmer a stockpot of homemade soup for dinner. Set includes 1 1/2 Qt. saucepan with cover, 3 Qt. saucepan with cover, 8 Qt. stockpot with cover, 10" skillet. **P9,999⁷⁵**



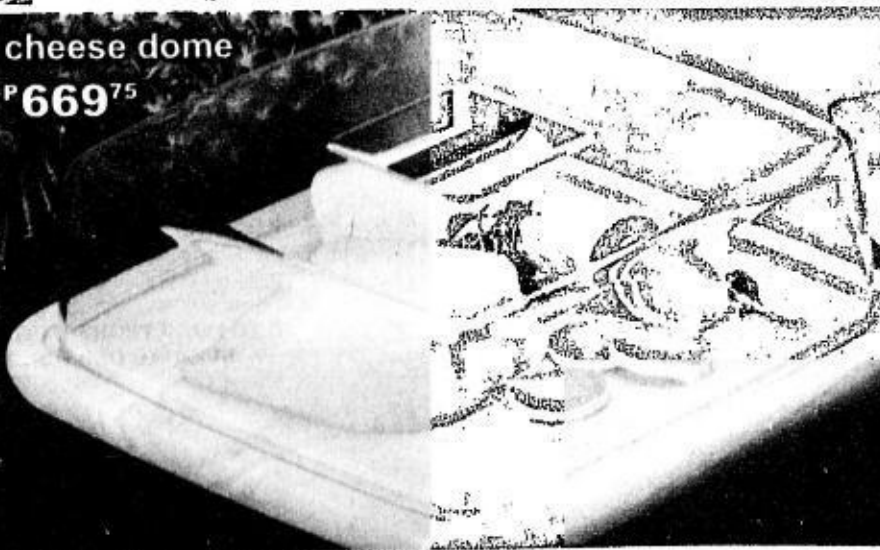
12 pc. Dinnerware Set

P349



baked collection

P279⁷⁵-P299⁷⁵



cheese dome

P669⁷⁵

DEPARTMENT STORE & SUPERMARKET

'Climate change' experiment questioned

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES and Aquatic Resources has withheld endorsement of a proposed experiment by an Australian firm to release 500 tons of urea near Panay Island.

Urea, a chemical fertilizer, is expected to stimulate the growth of phytoplankton that is hoped to reduce carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Fisheries regional director Drusila Esther Bayate said she was concerned with the experiment's impact on marine life because of the big volume of urea to be dumped.

"Once it (urea) is there, it would be beyond our control," Bayate told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

She said she has asked a team from the Sydney-based Ocean Nourishment Corp. (ONC) to submit a complete project proposal before she would consider endorsing the experiment to the Department of Envi-

ronment and Natural Resources.

ONC's "ocean nourishment" project involves the release of 500 tons of urea granules into the Sulu and Celebes seas.

But environmental groups, including Greenpeace-Southeast Asia and the Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment, have called for a stop to the plan until its viability and safety is guaranteed.

In a petition paper, the groups questioned the scientific basis of the experiment, citing possible negative impacts on the environment, as well as marine and human life.

They urged the BFAR and the DENR to withhold approval of the project until all scientific issues and the legality of the project were resolved.

But a University of Philippines in the Visayas (UPV)-based professor has defended the proposed study.

While caution should be undertaken in

an experiment, the "ocean nourishment" project would be "calculated" and guided by protocols, according to Dr. Romeo Fortes, former dean of the UPV College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Fortes said the project would be very beneficial if it succeeded.

However, the UPV, in a statement issued earlier, said the project could "pose a threat to the marine environment."

Fortes denied reports that a ton of urea was released last month into the waters off Anini-y town in Antique.

"As far as I am aware, no experiment has been conducted yet. It is still just a proposal," he said in a telephone interview.

Fortes admitted that he accompanied a team from ONC in conducting an inspection last month of the Panay Gulf, between Guimaras and Iloilo going to the southern part of Panay.

The team included two Americans, two Australians and a Korean, he said.



FAVORITE DELICACY

Joselito Ramirez shows the seaweeds he sells in MacArthur, Eastern Samar. The harvest is one of the favorite delicacies of visitors.

ERIK ARAZAS

Dagupan radioman survives shooting

DAGUPAN CITY—A RADIO ANNOUNCER was shot and wounded by two motorcycle-riding men near his house along the De Venecia Highway here on Friday night, police said.

Allan Sison, 41, was hit twice in the chest and right armpit, according to city police chief Supt. Dionisio Borromeo.

Sison was taken to the Dagupan City Trauma Center, where he underwent surgery. Doctors on Saturday said Sison was out of danger.

Borromeo said Sison was talking to Lily Duque, owner of a commercial stall near his house, when the two gunmen arrived at 11:30 p.m.

He said the back rider got off, pushed Duque aside before approaching Sison and shooting him with a .45 cal. pistol. The attackers fled toward nearby Calasiao town, about 5 kilometers from here.

Sison, locally known as "Doctor Heart," has a program aired nightly over Love Radio, a station of Manila Broadcasting Corp. His program advises callers on relationships and accepts song requests and dedications.

Sison, in a statement to police on Saturday, said he could identify his attackers once he sees them again. He said the attack could not be work-related because his program did not deal with

political commentaries.

Police said this was the second time this year that Sison was attacked.

In April, Sison told police that he was shot while driving to the radio station. He was not hurt in that attack but a side mirror of his car was shattered.

Last month, Sison ran for barangay chair in Domalandan West in Lingayen town but lost. *Gabriel Cardinosa, Inquirer North-ern Luzon*



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
MAYNILA, PILIPINAS

WARNING

It has come to the attention of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) that internet websites are being used to lure investors into spurious investment/deposit products allegedly authorized by BSP, with the promise of unrealistically high yields.

For the record, deposit-taking is an inherent activity of banks which cannot be outsourced. Therefore, those who claim that they represent banks commit misrepresentation.

The public therefore is advised to deal directly with banks at their respective offices.

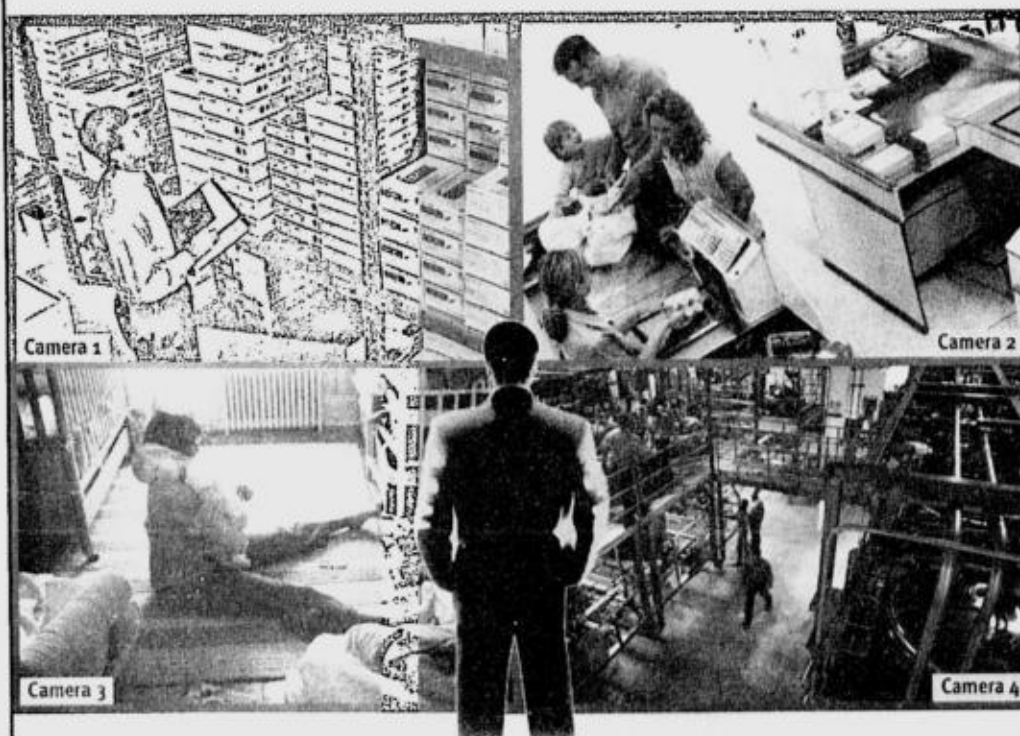
For inquiries, you may contact the BSP through the following:

Telephone : 523-3631 (direct line)
524-7011, local 2584

Mail : The Manager
BSP SES Consumer Affairs Group
Supervision and Examination Sector
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
A.Mabini St., Malate, Manila 1004

Email : consumeraffairs@bsp.gov.ph

See There When You Can't Be There.



Secure home and office anytime, anywhere.

Panasonic IP surveillance camera utilizes the power of internet to let you monitor places without physically being there. It lets you view crisp and clear images via PC from a distance. You can also control the position of the camera and zoom on details remotely. You can even record with or without PC. With these, you can be confident "being here and watching there" - cutting down on travel time and expense and enjoying a huge boost in work efficiency.

Model	Starter Kit (IP Cam, DVI, Router, cable)	Add-on Camera
HOME Version	P9,900	P7,900
OFFICE Version	P16,900	P14,900

Panasonic
ideas for life

Authorized Dealer: American Technologies, Inc. • Tel: 7230601 to 12 • Fax: 723 7951 • Website: www.ati.com.ph

Nag-TEXT ng detalye ng RESIBO mula sa biniling gasolina

NGAYON,
may **P 1 MILLION** na!



Mary Jane Y. Valdez
from Nueva Vizcaya
Oct. 26 Winner



Resibo mo. Panalo mo.
LINGGO-LINGGO ang pagkakataon mong maging MILYONARYO!

WINNING ENTRY

NOV 16 DRAW
000089564008

NEXT DRAW

NOV 23
QUALIFIED RECEIPTS
SEPT 1-NOV 22, 2007

1	2	3	4
Siguraduhing kunin ang resibo sa kahit anong transakyon.	Gamit ang cellphone, I-text ang mga sumusunod: PSR <space>TIN ng Resibo<space>O.R. number<space>Halaga ng Resibo Huwag isama ang sentimo. Halimbawa: PSR 008003071035*49724*100	I-text sa 9777 para sa single raffle entry (minimum ng resibo ay P100) at sa 9778 para sa multiple raffle entries (P350 pataas). P1.50 bawat entry. Makakakuha ka ng acknowledgement text message.	Panoorin ang WEEKLY DRAW sa ABC 5 tuwing BIYERNES, 11pm. Makikita din ang resulta sa mga dyaryo. Baka ikaw na ang susunod na Premyo Sa Resibo MILYONARYO!

Catch the PSR segment "RESIBO MO. PANALO MO." every Monday, 7:20-7:35 AM at ONE MORNING SHOW on NBN 4, RPN 9 & IBC 13.



For Inquiries: (02)338-9777 / www.premyosaresibo.com.ph

More Sports on A29-A32

Late SPORTS

Tugade's 34 powers Magnolia; TNT wins



MAGNOLIA'S Dondon Hontiveros foils Ginebra's Mark Caguioa.

By Musong R. Castillo

POWERHOUSES MAGNOLIA AND TALK 'N TEXT HAMMERED separate foes at the Araneta Coliseum last night to stay tied for second place in the elimination round of the Smart-PBA Philippine Cup.

The Beverage Masters drew a career-high 34 points from swingman Lordy Tugade in a 101-90 victory over Barangay Ginebra, while the Phone Pals caught up with Magnolia after an easy 113-88 win over luckless Coca-Cola Tigers.

Ginebra took its sixth loss in eight games despite getting 22 points and 11 rebounds from returning forward Eric Menk

GAMES WEDNESDAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
4:50 p.m.—Purefoods
vs Alaska
7:20 p.m.—Welcoat
vs Sta. Lucia

and 17 points from starting guard Jay-Jay Helterbrand.

"What can I say? Even I, as a coach, enjoyed watching Lordy tonight," said Magnolia coach Siot

Tanquingcen, who also got 16 points from Dondon Hontiveros and 14 from Enrico Villanueva.

Magnolia bucked 23 errors in leaving Mark Caguioa winless for the second straight game since coming back from a six-game layoff because of a shoulder injury.

der injury.

Tugade, who contributed just two points in a shock loss to Welcoat last Friday, hit 5-of-9 triple attempts that powered the Beverage Masters to a 55.6 percent clip from beyond the arc.

Anthony Washington stood at the forefront of the swashbuckling Talk 'N Text game, shooting 19 points built around an 8-of-12 clip from the field. The 6-foot-7 Fil-American also colared eight rebounds.

Talk 'N Text enjoyed leads of as many as 30 points and was never threatened by a Coca-Cola side that still played without Alex Cabagnot and tumbled for the sixth straight time after opening up with a win.

Meanwhile, former San

Miguel board representative Bert Manlapit has been nominated as the fifth candidate for the vacant post of league commissioner.

The scores:

First Game

MAGNOLIA 101—Tugade 34, Hontiveros 16, Villanueva 14, Racela 9, eagle 9, Tenorio 7, Eman 3, Gonzales 3, Calagulo 3, Idefonso 3.

BARANGAY GINEBRA 90—Menk 22, Helterbrand 17, Tubid 15, Mamaril 10, Caguioa 10, Reavies 7, Escalona 5, Aquino 3, Holper 1, Macapagal 0, Salvacion 0.

Quarters: 27-21; 44-37; 73-64; 101-90

Second Game

TALK 'N TEXT 113—Washington 19, Ritalo 19, Aljamal 15, Balano 15, Cardona 12, Allado 10, Alapag 9, Taulava 4, Fran 4, De Ocampo 4, Ferreria 2, Barcellona 0.

COCA-COLA 88—Peek 20, Telan 14, Calimag 13, Catil 9, Arigo 8, Enrile 6, Duremdes 6, Tolomia 4, Caceres 3, Rizada 2, Echavez 2, Buenafe 1.

Quarters: 24-25, 55-45, 90-62, 113-88

The safe, fast way to send and receive money worldwide

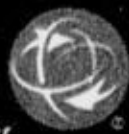
Your money arrives in 10 minutes*

For more information, please visit www.moneygram.com

MoneyGram authorized agent in the Philippines:

RD PAWNSHOP, INC.

MoneyGram
International Money Transfer



*Subject to agent hours of operation and local regulations.
TM & © 2007 MoneyGram. All rights reserved.

RDCASH PADALA
Domestic Money Transfer

Wagi silang lahat—isang bahay na magara, anim na kotseng maporma!

Ang matagal nilang pangarap... sa Globe ngayong natupad!

Honda CR-V winners



E. Macaspac
Caloocan City



R. Uy
Manila



M. Opena
Pasay City



E. Fulgencio
Nueva Ecija



M. Delo
Nueva Ecija



D. Barrion
Nueva Ecija

Avida

Honda

CR-V



Globe

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2770, Series of 2007. Promo Period from Jul. 1 - Sept. 30, 2007.
© 2007 Globe Telecom, Inc.

NEW LOWER Year-round Fares

SEAT SALE

P-1

Manila to Laoag
Cebu to Bacolod
Sale & Travel Period: Ongoing until February 29, 2008
Promo is non-refundable.

INTERNATIONAL

P-999

Guangzhou
Taipei*
Xiamen

P-1,499

Bangkok
Hong Kong*
Kuala Lumpur
Macau

P-1,999

Jakarta
Shanghai
Singapore*

All direct flights to/from Manila
*Also with direct flights to/from Cebu or Davao

DOMESTIC

P-98

Cebu to Iloilo
Manila to Legaspi

P-288

Cebu to Butuan NEW!
Cagayan de Oro • Clark • Davao • Kalibo
Puerto Princesa • Zamboanga
Davao to Iloilo NEW!
Davao to Cebu or Zamboanga
Manila to Bacolod • Cebu • Dumaguete • Iloilo
Kalibo • Puerto Princesa • Roxas • Tacloban • Tagbilaran

P-688

Manila to Boracay (Catlican) NEW!
Cebu to Boracay (Catlican) NEW!
Manila to Butuan • Cagayan de Oro • Cotabato
Davao • Dipolog • General Santos • Zamboanga

CEBU PACIFIC IS THE NO. 1 DOMESTIC AIRLINE!

MOST DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS • MOST DOMESTIC FLIGHTS • MOST DOMESTIC ROUTES • NEWEST PLANES
MOST DOMESTIC PASSENGERS FLOWN • LOWEST YEAR-ROUND FARES

Domestic fuel and insurance surcharges range from PHP 850 to PHP 1,350.
International fuel and insurance surcharges range from USD 30 to USD 44.

CEBU PACIFIC AIR.COM

Call (02) 70-20-888 or visit the travel agent nearest you.
One way fare/return fare • Limited seats • Fares may not be available on all dates and flights • Fares are exclusive of applicable taxes, fees and surcharges



CEBU
PACIFIC

It's time everyone flies.

Aplus

METRO

Website: www.inquirer.net/metro

Editor Ester G. Dipsupil

Text us your feedback: inquirer met name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) E-mail: pr_metro@inquirer.com.ph



Svenson
Saved
My Hair!
Call 892-HAIR (4247)

CA orders mayor to pay P1.6M to cement firm

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS ORDERED MARIKINA MAYOR MA. Lourdes Fernando, who used to sit as chair of the board of BF Corporation, to settle her firm's debt with a cement company which arose from a transaction made 12 years ago.

The appellate court's Oct. 31 decision upheld the ruling of a lower court which had ordered the construction firm, then represented by Fernando, to pay more than P1.6 million to Pacific Cement Co. Inc., in addition to a legal interest of 30 percent per annum, P100,000 in damages, P20,000 in expenses plus attorney's fees.

According to the records of the case, BF Corporation, which used to be run by Fernando and her husband, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando, entered into a deal with Pacific in 1995 for the delivery of cement for several of its projects.

Pacific delivered P3.8 million worth of cement but only received P2.1 million from

the construction firm. The latter then failed to pay the remaining amount despite repeated demands, prompting Pacific to file a case in court.

In its defense, BF Corporation said it did not receive all of the cement. It also contested the documents presented as evidence by Pacific, saying these were only photocopies.

The appellate court, however, said that Pacific was able to produce enough evidence to show that it had delivered the cement and was entitled to payment.

"No doubt, appellee [Pacific Cement] proved his case through preponderance of evidence in support of its valid claims against appellant [BF Corporation]. On the other hand, appellant resorted to bare de-

nial of any liability to appellee. Evidentiary facts, not conjectures or speculations, should determine the merits of the case," the court noted.

It also found no merit in BF Corporation's claim that it did not receive the cement and that the documents presented by Pacific were inadmissible because they were not the original copies.

Among the documents presented were the sales invoice as well as the delivery receipts.

According to the court, Pacific's failure to produce the original documents was understandable. It cited the testimony of one of the company's sales representatives who said that the original sales invoice had been submitted to the Philippine National Bank, while the original delivery receipts were with Fernando's firm.

Contacted for comment, Mayor Fernando said she has yet to see a copy of the court ruling although she added that the company might have to comply with the court order.

With Kristine L. Alave

Runner collapses, dies just before finish line

By Allison W. Lopez

A 38-YEAR-OLD PARTICIPANT IN a marathon in Manila collapsed and died yesterday morning.

PO2 Jay Santos of the Manila Police District homicide division identified the victim as Fidel Camson, chief electrical engineer of the Isetann Department Store in Quiapo.

Camson, one of the participants in the 10-kilometer category of the 31st National Milo Marathon, collapsed as he was running on the northbound

lane of Roxas Boulevard, in front of the Rajah Sulayman Park at 7:10 a.m. He was on his way to the finish line at the Quirino Grandstand.

He was declared dead on arrival at the Ospital ng Maynila.

Although the cause of death has yet to be determined, the police said they suspected that Camson suffered a heart attack.

His wife told investigators that he had hypertension and heart palpitations although this did not stop him from regularly joining previous marathons.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the dissolution of HINGE MEDIA, INC. ("Corporation") by amending its articles of incorporation to shorten the corporate term from fifty (50) years from and after the date of incorporation to until 31 December 2005 was approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock and majority of the Board of Directors of the Corporation in its joint special meeting held on 29 December 2005.

All persons having a claim against the Corporation are requested to present their claim at the place of business of the Corporation's former officers/ employees at Unit 330 Mile Long Bldg., Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City for immediate settlement.

Now to be held in Cubao, Quezon City!

A how to's course for brokers, land owners, investors & developers!!

JOINT VENTURES IN REAL ESTATE PROJECTS

Dec 3, 1:30-6 pm, Max's Rest., Gateway Mall, Araneta Cntr, Cubao, QC

Covers the importance of Joint Ventures & Syndications in the economy; reasons for a JV; how to package a JV proposal; important provisions in a joint venture agreement & examples; sharing schemes; what is to be shared; what to watch out for & frauds by developers & landowners; how to protect landowners & developers; other concepts & forms of JV & others

For more details, call 681-0928 or 796-8019 Or simply text your fax no. or email address to CP# 0916-426-9174 or 0921-683-9431 or email: urbanet@pacific.net.ph or urbanet.ph@gmail.com

URBAN INSTITUTE OF REAL ESTATE



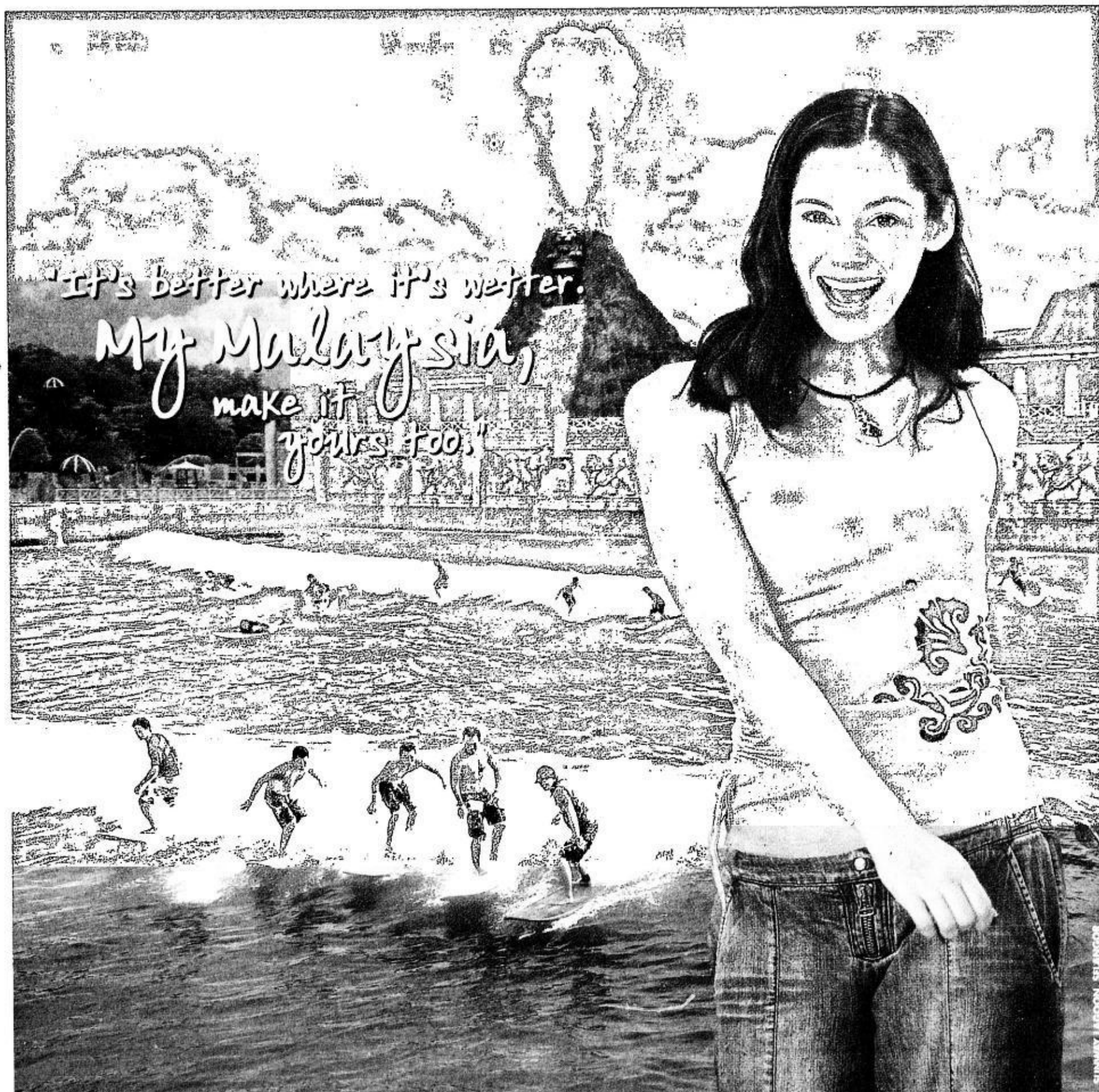
LAKAS NG SEX APPEAL
(GWAPO ANG DATING)

GANG XIAN
Herbal Slimming Tea

Gang Xian herbal slimming tea for men uses premium-grade Chinese herbs to help keep the male body in good health and in great shape.

Available at all major drug stores and other supermarkets and drugstores.

BFAD Approved: FR-49482



It's better where it's wetter.

My Malaysia,
make it yours too.

Visit Malaysia

Celebrating 50 Years of Nationhood

Have a splashing good time at Malaysia's many extraordinary water theme parks - where water brings the bored and weary back to life. There's fun to be had on every slide, ride and pool and each waterpark has its own signature feature. Think you can surf with the best? Then take on the wave pool at the Sunway Lagoon Waterpark. If you're more of the adventurous type, then the Adventure River at the Tambun Lost World is for you. And no matter what you do, just don't stay dry.

TOURISM MALAYSIA

Home to:

malaysia AirAsia



Tourism Malaysia - Philippines
c/o Embassy of Malaysia,
11th Floor, The World Center Building
330 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue
Makati City 1221, Philippines
Tel: (632) 864 0761
Email: mtpb.manila@tourism.gov.my

Malaysia
Truly Asia

Discover more at www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my

Suspected drug dealer's body found inside parked luxury car

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE BODY OF A SUSPECTED DRUG PUSHER was found inside a luxury car before dawn yesterday.

Police said Melvin Ochoa, 36, of V. Concepcion Street, B.F. Homes in Parañaque City, had been stabbed to death. His throat had also been slashed.

The body was found by a messenger, Bobby Relado, who called the police for help.

Operatives of the Quezon City Police District Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit who went to the scene at 5:50 a.m. said that the victim's body was already stiff.

He was seated behind the wheel of a silver Mercedes Benz with license plate WTT 490.

The vehicle was parked in front of the United Overseas Bank at 49 Tomas Morato Avenue in Barangay Obrero.

Security guards of establishments in the area told QCPD-CIDU investigators that the car had been there since Saturday night, between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

No defensive wounds

According to the police, the victim did not have defensive wounds on his arms, an indication that he was not able to fight off his attacker who could have been seated in the car's back seat.

Police investigators recovered from the victim a small transparent sachet containing brownish crystalline particles which they believe could either be shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) or cocaine.

The sachet was kept inside a black eyeglass case.

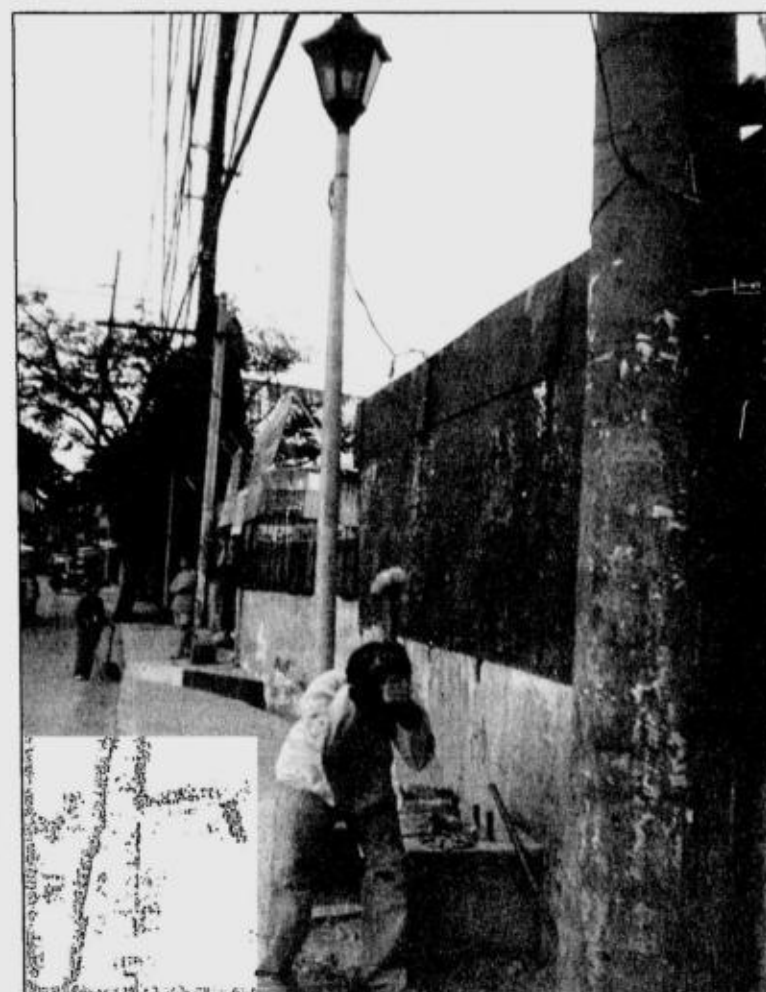
Previous arrest

Based on records of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Metro Manila Regional Office, the victim was one of two suspects arrested by the agency's agents during an antidrug operation on March 7, 2003.

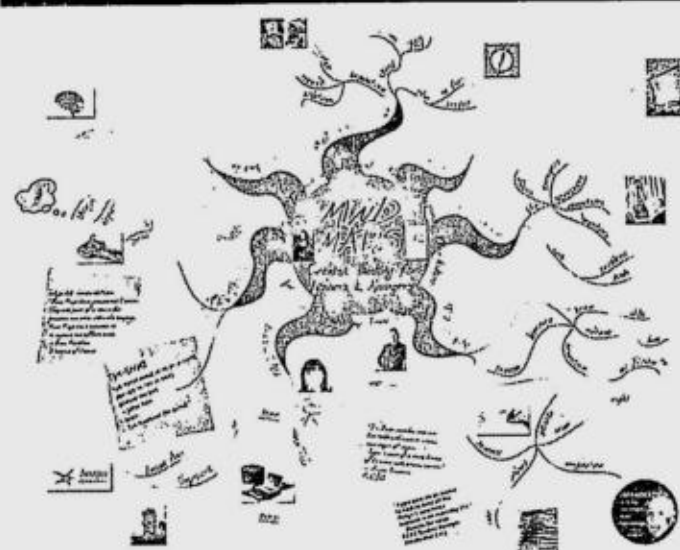
The suspects were caught selling two grams of cocaine for P7,000 in a black Ford Expedition on Sucat Road in Parañaque City.

During the same operation, PDEA agents also seized another nine grams of cocaine they found inside the suspects' vehicle. The drug was hidden in a black eyeglass case.

QCPD-CIDU investigators theorized that the killing might be related to the victim's drug activities.



Discover how to plan, set goals, brain-storm and write proposals 4x faster!



WHY PEOPLE LOVE MINDMAPPING!

"Excellent seminar! Very beneficial to work! I don't think I'll ever go back to my 'old way of doing things.' It's Mind Maps forever!"

~ Sherwin M. Pelayo, Accenture

"It's an interactive workshop! I also enjoyed the interaction with the facilitator, teammates, and co-participants!"

~ Yaling Sevilla, The Leather Collection

"It's a creative way of thinking for different situations - life planning, strategic planning, meetings, and designing programs!"

~ Lea M. Dublado, Petron Corporation

"Mind Mapping is helpful in achieving results!"

~ Michael Miranda, BPI

Agnes "Aggie" Sarthou, Ph.D. Facilitator Dr. Sarthou brings with her a wealth of corporate training experience on disciplines of management, organization visioning, strategic planning as well as skills on leadership, communications, people handling and values. Dr. Sarthou was recently trained in Creativity and Mind Mapping by Buzan Asia in Singapore. In this two day program, Dr. Sarthou enables participants to manage their workload, plan high impact presentations and solve the toughest of business dilemmas through Mind Maps.

Mind Mapping: Creative Thinking for Leaders and Managers™

Designed by Tony Buzan
Holder of the World's Highest Creativity IQ and Creator of the Mind Mapping thinking technique
November 28 - 29, 2007 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Dusit Hotel Nikko

Unleash your brain's full potential! In two days, learn how to:

- * Brainstorm better and faster through the Bloom™ techniques and generate 10x more creative ideas
- * Plan and set goals, write proposals and letters 4x faster
- * Multi-task and set priorities with ease
- * Prepare better for presentations, meetings and briefings with confidence and less stress - and much more!

Producer & Organizer:

SALT & LIGHT VENTURES, INC.

Event Partner:

INQUIRER

pd11129207

Call Nicole at 813-2732/03 Email at nicole@saltandlight.ph
Visit our website at www.saltandlightventures.net

METROBRIEFS

Gender-friendly schools cited

THE CITY OF MAKATI will recognize today the winners of the citywide search for the most "gender-responsive" high school and barangay at the City Hall Quadrangle. The Gen. Pio del Pilar National High School was adjudged the most gender-friendly public high school in the maiden search, while Pitogo High School and Fort Bonifacio High School took runner-up honors. In the barangay category, Kasilawan was the grand winner for the second straight year, with Singkamas and Sta. Cruz placing second and third, respectively, city officials said. The grand winners will be awarded a P20,000 cash prize, a marker and trophy, while second- and third-placers will receive P15,000 and P10,000, respectively, as well as trophies and certificates.

DJ Yap

WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY

From Jovy Tabios, 25, of Muntinlupa City: "Why replace the scores of street lights on the national road and side streets in Muntinlupa when these are still working? Workers have been digging holes on the sidewalk, fashioning concrete stumps and chiseling the sidewalks for the electric wire of the new lamps. It's a waste of taxpayers' money! The new mayor calls the decommissioning of the three-year-old lamps put up by his predecessor as 'upgrading.' The money would have been better spent for pedestrian overpasses between the city terminal and the Alabang plaza, and between the wet market and the plaza to help ease traffic flow and prevent commuters from being hit by vehicles. A less expensive project would be building a covered walk with lights for people going to the Ospital ng Muntinlupa from the main road across the Metropolis."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dog pound needed

I AM CALLING on Mayor Mon Ilagan to provide residents of Village East a compound for stray dogs that manage to enter the place. I already made a similar appeal to the village administrator but he said there is no money to set up one. We would like to know if it is possible to allocate a certain amount for this purpose or for local officials to pass an ordinance to make our streets safer from stray dogs and the mess they leave behind. Thank you.

JUANCHO JOSE, 39, Cainta

METRO
Citizen's call
0918-8985566

Road unsafe

ORTIGAS Avenue at the corner of Edsa across the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration building is not safe for pedestrians. The sidewalk is full of vendors and the lane closest to it is used by jeepney drivers waiting for passengers. Pedestrians are forced to use the inner lanes where they run the risk of being hit by vehicles. Can't these drivers pick up their passengers inside the parking lot just a few steps away and the sidewalk cleared of obstructions?

EDITH AVENDANO, 58, Las Piñas City

DID YOU KNOW

IN 1863, MALACAÑANG became the official residence of the Spanish governor-general after an earthquake wrecked the royal palace in Intramuros. The arrangement was meant to be temporary but the lack of resources and more earthquakes prevented the reconstruction of the Intramuros palace.

When the Americans colonized the Philippines at the end of the 19th century, they continued using Malacañang as the official residence of the head of the islands. In 1935, Manuel L. Quezon became the first Filipino president to live in the Palace.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research



DR. NED ROBERTO'S SERVICE MARKETING SUCCESS SEMINAR

November 20 - 21, 2007 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Intercontinental Manila, Makati

Last Call!

"Discover the keys to service marketing success - from the service customer's viewpoint!"

"Learn how correct service positioning could dramatically increase your market share and improve your bottom line!"

"Avoid the deadly errors that can kill your marketing career!"

Dr. Ned's Service Marketing Success Seminar gives you a powerful program that will boost your business and career with insight-rich modules from Consumer Service Marketing Practice to Integration into Database Marketing.

At the end of Dr. Ned Roberto's much awaited two day Service Marketing Success Seminar, you will learn:

- * How to develop a national marketing plan that covers as far as the territory or field level, and integrates for actionability the territory-by-territory market variations and differences.
- * How to plan research-based doable service marketing programs that are responsive to both external and internal customers.
- * What to be careful about in effectively organizing and flawlessly implementing a service marketing plan and program.
- * How to be pro-actively accountable for their total service marketing program (i.e. your marketing mix) and its components sub-programs (i.e. marketing mix elements).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE SERVICE MARKETING SUCCESS SEMINAR?

The Service Marketing Success Seminar is for executives and managers from:

- *banks and other financial institutions
- *advertising, creative and design services
- *fast food companies
- *airline, travel, hotels, resorts, restaurants
- *telecom companies
- *utility companies
- *gyms and other fitness centers
- *spas, salons, and other health and beauty services
- *training, consulting, accounting and auditing firms
- *legal service providers
- *cable TV service providers
- *cargo forwarding or courier companies
- *hospitals, clinics
- *construction, architecture firms
- *schools and other academic institutions
- *...and other business selling a service

Why people love Dr. Ned!!

"Only a few people get to meet and learn from a very dynamic marketing guru like Dr. Ned --- I'm proud to be one of the few!"

- Ma. Zyra Manalo, CCMC (Phils.)

"Thanks Dr. Ned, for your very useful insight. I've learned a lot in two days!"

- Elolisa Marie Lacap, Goldlocks Bakeshop Inc.

"Dr. Ned is very good, he (explains) ideas (that even) a newcomer in the industry can comprehend. Thumbs up to Dr. Ned!"

- Rashel Ballestra, iGen Portal Int'l. Corp.

"Dr. Ned's seminar is worth every second and centavo that we invested!"

- Rey Ganayo, JWThompson

Book now for our December offering:

SUCCESSFUL CHANGE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
Managing Organizational Change
Facilitated by Dr. Agnes Sarthou, Ph.D.

December 18 - 19, 2007
9:00AM - 5:00PM
Intercontinental Manila, Makati

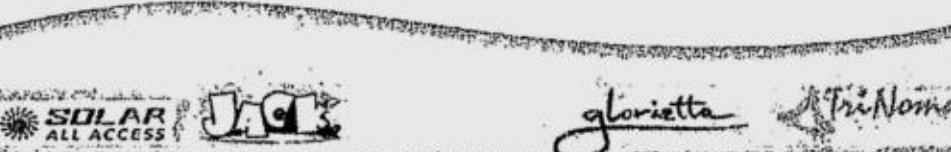
Ayala **cinemas**

No commercial breaks! Larger than life! GUARANTEED SEATS!

SURVIVOR SERIES

MATCHES:
Randy Orton vs. Shawn Michaels (WWE Championship Match)
World Heavyweight Champion Batista vs. Undertaker (Hell in a Cell Match)
Traditional Survivor Series Elimination Match
Triple threat Match for the ECW Championship
Hornswoggle vs. The Great Khali

GLORIETTA 4 CINEMAS • TRINOMA CINEMAS
NOVEMBER 19, 2007 • MONDAY • 7:00 PM
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!



NED ROBERTO Ph.D., is one of Asia's leading authorities on marketing. He is a much sought after consultant, speaker, author and educator. He taught international marketing in Asia's top management school and has been conducting the Applied Marketing Research seminar since he conceptualized it in 1981. Dr. Roberto has consulted and conducted in-house seminars for Fortune 500 companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia. He is the author (with Philip Kotler) of *Social Marketing* and the best-selling *User Friendly Marketing Research*.

Produced and Organized by:

SALT & LIGHT VENTURES, INC.

Bringing out the BEST in you. pd11129207

Call Fina or Juliet at 813-2732/03. Email us at fina@saltandlight.ph
Visit our website at www.saltandlightventures.net

\$300-M fund vs climate change

RIYADH—SAUDI ARABIA, THE world's biggest oil exporter, announced on Saturday a multi-million-dollar fund to tackle global warming that is set to focus on finding technological solutions to the climate change problem.

Making the announcement at the opening of the third Opec summit in Riyadh, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz said the kingdom will invest \$300 million to develop technology to tackle climate change.

"I announce that the kingdom of Saudi Arabia is giving an amount of \$300 million that will be basis of a program that will finance research related to the future of energy, environment and climate change," he said.

The king described attempts to exaggerate the impact of oil on the environment and climate change as "erroneous." Opec ministers on Friday expressed support for carbon capture and storage, an emerging technology to trap carbon dioxide and store it underground.

"Protecting the planet" is one of three headline themes of the Opec summit, a surprising focus for a group of oil producers whose wealth depends on their exports of fossil fuels.

Algeria's Energy Minister Chakib Khelil said on Friday the final statement to be issued by Opec leaders on Sunday will call for expanding the use of carbon capture and storage technology to curb carbon emissions.

Oil firms lobby vs global warming

LOS ANGELES—ON A DAY when a UN panel warned of growing peril from climate change, Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards accused the oil and gas industry of deploying hundreds of lobbyists to Washington to resist efforts to free the United States from its dependence on fossil fuels.

Edwards' criticism came during a forum on global warming, where he and fellow Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Dennis Kucinich outlined similar goals of curbing greenhouse gases, expanding alternative energy sources and creating jobs in a green economy.

The three appeared separately

on stage, the only candidates from either party to accept invitations from sponsors Grist, an online environmental magazine, and Public Radio International's "Living on Earth," a nationally broadcast program on environmental concerns. The forum was held in partnership with the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund and other environmental groups.

Like his rivals, Edwards said climate change requires urgent action. But he argued repeatedly that measures to slow global warming are being hindered by a broken political system in Washington that bends to corporate power and feeds off its money.

"I see the oil and gas companies blocking progress by spending millions of dollars and deploying hundreds of lobbyists in Washington to make sure that America stays addicted to foreign oil and fossil fuels," Edwards said.

Edwards' comments on lobbyists appeared aimed at least partly at Clinton. He has accused her of being beholden to corporate interests that have contributed lavishly to her campaign. Clinton has accepted \$567,950 from lobbyists, while Edwards has accepted \$18,900, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

In her remarks, Clinton credited other Democrats for making

proposals to address climate warming but sought to distinguish herself as the candidate best able to bring about those changes.

Progress, she stressed, "takes more than a plan." A president needs "strength and experience to make it a reality," she said, echoing a campaign refrain.

President George W. Bush was a frequent target of the candidates. And each talked with concern about workers, such as coal miners, who could suffer in a transition to a green-tinged economy.

But there were differences.

As part of her approach, Clinton supports a cap-and-trade plan, under which power plants

or businesses that exceed pollution caps must buy or trade for additional allowances, usually from others that have been able to cut their emissions.

Kucinich called that a "phony solution."

Edwards and Kucinich talked forcefully of breaking the hold of oil and gas interests in Washington, but Clinton spoke broadly of making varied interests part of the solutions.

To build a case against global warming, "it is especially important that we figure out ways to enlist the millions and millions of Americans who make billions of decisions every year about how they use energy," she said.

Baghdad's busy ambulance drivers catch their breath



A WOMAN walks past ambulances parked at the Health Ministry in Baghdad on Nov. 14.

REUTERS

BAGHDAD—WITH VIOLENCE levels dropping across the city, Baghdad's hard-working ambulance drivers now find time to sit and sip tea instead of each rushing to four or five emergency calls a day.

"Today the situation has changed for the best. There are ambulances that sometimes do not go out on duty for two days," said Kais Mohammed, head of an emergency services center that covers all of southern Baghdad and some areas west.

Baghdadis had become used to the wail of sirens and the sight of red-and-white ambulances speeding through the city's chaotic streets in response to a relentless daily toll of bombings and shootings.

Sectarian violence has claimed tens of thousands of lives in Iraq since the February 2006 bombing of a revered Shiite mosque in predominantly Sunni Arab Samarra, north of Baghdad, unleashed waves of reprisal killings.

Iraqi and US officials have reported sharp falls in Iraqi and US military casualties in the past two months after a "surge" of 30,000 extra US troops was completed in mid-June.

Improving Iraqi security forces and the spread of neighborhood police units, mainly organized by Sunni Arab tribal sheikhs to drive out al-Qaida fighters, have also made significant contributions to a more stable Iraq, officials say.

It has lightened the burden for Baghdad's ambulance drivers, who found no shortage of work during the capital's darkest days.

Southern Baghdad's main emergency ambulance center controls 16 stations across the south and west of the sprawling city, each of which has three ambulances. Each ambulance has rotating teams of three drivers and three first aid workers.

"One driver could go out on four or five calls in one day," said Mohammed, sitting in front of a picture of a dead colleague, as he

recalled the height of the violence.

Ambulance driver Abbas Fadhil remembers one day when he was called out to four separate explosions in his duty area.

"I remember one of those explosions—I carried 12 of the victims, dead and wounded," he said.

First aid worker Alla Nasir has horrible memories, including one explosion at a fuel station in west Baghdad's once-affluent Mansour district.

"I transferred 17 bodies in the ambulance, which normally takes just two or three. One of the bodies was burning and stuck to the rubber mat.

When we pulled the body out, the mat came out of the ambulance," he said.

Mohammed said ambulance drivers had been at great risk of physical injury and psychological trauma because of their work.

Ambulances were targeted by gunfire and roadside bombs, and five of his drivers had been killed.

Reuters

Oil prices could hit \$200/barrel

RIYADH—OPEC LEADERS began a summit on Saturday with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez issuing a chilling warning about oil prices in a speech that also urged the group to be actively involved in foreign policy.

The fiery leftist leader warned in an opening speech that crude prices could double from their current already-record level of near \$100 a barrel if the United States attacked Iran or Venezuela.

"If the United States was mad enough to attack Iran or aggress Venezuela again the price of a barrel of oil could reach \$150 or even \$200," he said.

He urged assembled leaders from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting for only the third time in the cartel's 47-year history, to club together for geopolitical reasons.

"The basis of all aggression is oil. It is the underlying reason," Chavez said, pointing to the war in Iraq and US threats against Iran.

"Today Opec stands strong. It is stronger than it has ever been in the past," he said. "Opec should set itself up as an active geopolitical agent." His remarks were tempered by King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, the Opec kingpin and key US regional ally, who said that "oil is an energy for construction and must not become an instrument for conflict."

Opec's 12-strong membership is dominated by pro-Western Gulf states but includes an anti-US bloc of Iran and Venezuela.

The event comes at a time of tension on world oil markets, with the cartel under pressure to increase its output to help calm record crude prices that had threatened to breach \$100 a barrel 10 days ago.

The talks are intended to map out the strategic direction of Opec, which produces about 40 percent of world oil, but the group is divided on a number of issues.

In a gaffe late on Friday, a private meeting of Opec oil, foreign and finance ministers was mistakenly broadcast to journalists, revealing a spat between Saudi Arabia and Iran about the waning US currency.

AFP

WORLD BRIEFS

70 killed in Pakistan fighting

PESHAWAR—Fighting between rival Sunni and Shiite Muslims in northwestern Pakistan's troubled tribal belt has claimed 70 lives, security officials and state media reported on Sunday. State television said another 150 people were injured as heavily armed tribesmen clashed in the Kurram district bordering Afghanistan. Security officials said at least 61 civilians had died in fighting in the district's main town Parachinar, where sectarian clashes in April left 55 dead. The military said nine soldiers from the Army and paramilitary forces had also died, with 15 wounded, after being caught in the cross-fire.

AFP

Ukraine blast kills 19

KIEV—A methane blast ripped through a coal mine in eastern Ukraine early Sunday, killing at least 19 miners, emergency officials said. More than 150 miners were still trapped underground and their fate was unknown. The explosion occurred at the Zasyadka mine in the Donetsk region at a depth of more than 1,000 meters at around 3 a.m., the Emergency Situations Ministry said on its website. The ministry also said that 297 miners have already been lifted to the surface while 160 others were still trapped underground.

AP

Rail strike in France on 5th day

PARIS—France's biggest rail union said on Saturday a new offer of talks from employers did not go far enough, as the country headed towards a fifth day of crippling transport strikes. The General Labour Confederation (CGT) said negotiating proposals from the state-owned rail firm SNCF on Friday "did not respond to all the issues" and the union would only negotiate on the "whole package" of proposed reforms. The deadlock on the country's intercity, regional and metro public transport systems came ahead of planned—but separate—strikes by civil servants and lawyers and magistrates on Tuesday.

AFP

23 militants dead in Afghanistan

KABUL—US-led forces have killed 23 militants during weapons searches in southern Afghanistan while two Canadian coalition soldiers and their interpreter died in a bomb blast, the foreign forces said on Saturday. Coalition forces searched compounds in the Garmser district of Helmand province looking for weapons. "Several armed militants threatening coalition forces were engaged and killed during the course of this operation," a US military statement said. Another 11 suspects were detained, it said.

Reuters

30 bodies found in Baghdad

BAGHDAD—The bodies of at least 30 people, including women and children, have been found in a mainly Sunni Arab area of Baghdad, police and government officials said on Saturday. An "Awakening Council" of local leaders, which oversees neighborhood policing, discovered at least 30 decomposing bodies in the Hay Asia area of Doura in southern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry official said. The bodies were moved to a mosque and then taken to a police station, the official said. He said they were found in several locations in and around houses.

Reuters

Ex-guerrilla claims Kosovo poll win

PRISTINA, SERBIA—Former Kosovo guerrilla leader Hashim Thaci, whose party favors speedy independence, claimed victory on Sunday after crucial parliamentary elections in the disputed Serbian province. "I thank all of those who helped our victory and the victory of Kosovo," Thaci told a celebration of his Democratic Party of Kosovo (DPK), which an unofficial tally showed had won 35 percent of Saturday's vote. "The citizens of Kosovo sent the world a message that we are a democratic country ready to join the European family. The strongest message was that Kosovo is ready (for) independence," he told thousands of cheering supporters.

AFP

Give them the greatest show on earth!

Your ideas, strategies, plans – presented crisply in vivid, rich colors. That's the ultimate presentation. That's the power of persuasion. Our Work Big projectors grab center stage for your presentations. And that's right where you want to be. Think big. Work big. Show them what you've got.



LP850

- 4500 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- LCD 0.99 P-Si TFT
- 750:1 Contrast Ratio
- 1500 lamp hours
- P185,000

VIDEO OPTIMISE



- 4000 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- LCD 0.8 P-Si TFT
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours
- P155,000



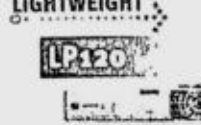
- 3000 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- DLP® Technology
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours
- P89,000



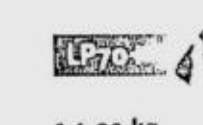
- 2500 ANSI Lumens
- XGA resolution
- DLP® Technology
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours
- P75,000



- 3500 ANSI Lumens
- SXGA+ resolution
- LCD 0.99 P-Si TFT
- 750:1 Contrast Ratio
- 1500 lamp hours
- P270,000



- 0.9 kg
- XGA resolution
- 1100 ANSI Lumens
- DLP® Technology
- 2000:1 Contrast Ratio
- 2000 lamp hours
- P75,000



- 1.09 kg
- XGA resolution
- 1500 ANSI Lumens
- DLP® Technology
- 1100:1 Contrast Ratio
- 4000 lamp hours
- P75,000

Special offer!

FREE Color Printer!

Buy any of the participating Infocus Work Big projectors (LP850, LP860, IN36, IN34, LP860) and get a FREE Full Xerox DocuPrint C525A Color Laser Printer worth P26,900.

From November 12 to 30, 2007

Special offer!

FREE Photo Printer!

Buy an Infocus LP120 or LP70+ lightweight projector and get a FREE Polaroid 4"x6" Photo printer worth P10,000.

From November 12 to 30, 2007

Per DTI-NCR Permit # A3-0918 Series of 2007

Distributed by: American Technologies, Inc. • Tel: 723.0801 to 12 • Fax: 723.7951 • Website: www.atl.com.ph

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

US urges Musharraf to end emergency

ISLAMABAD—THE UNITED States called on Sunday on President Pervez Musharraf to end the state of emergency in Pakistan ahead of upcoming elections, free political prisoners and resume talks with the opposition.

In a blunt message to the military ruler, top diplomat John Negroponte said Pakistan's people deserved better than emergency rule, which was "not compatible" with a free and fair vote.

The US deputy secretary of state flew to Islamabad amid growing US concern at the situation in Pakistan, a crucial US ally in the "war on terror" whose raging political crisis has rattled nerves in Washington.

He met Musharraf and other key officials and also spoke by telephone with opposition leader and former Premier Benazir Bhutto.

Negroponte said it was too early to talk of the success or failure of his diplomacy, admitting the situation had "polarized somewhat" with Bhutto twice put under house arrest.

He urged Musharraf to cancel the emergency, release thousands of political opponents, lawyers and rights activists who have been rounded up and jailed, and lift curbs that have shut down private television news channels.

"We do not think that these kind of emergency measures are compatible with the kind of environment that is needed to conduct free and fair elections," he said.

Negroponte said Musharraf repeated his vow to resign as Army chief before taking office for a sec-



NEGROPONTE

AFP

ond time as president.

But there was no sign of any date for halting the two-week-old emergency, which Musharraf says should stay until general elections by Jan. 9.

"The people of Pakistan deserve an opportunity to choose their leaders free from the restrictions that exist under a state of emergency," the US official said.

Negroponte urged Musharraf and Bhutto to restart power-sharing talks they had been holding until recently, and which Washington had eyed as a moderate bulwark against extremism.

Bhutto appeared to scrap hope of an agreement last week, ruling out further talks and vowing never to serve with Musharraf in government.

Negroponte appealed for compromise. "If steps were taken by both sides to move back towards the kind of reconciliation discussions they had been having previously, we think that could be very positive," he said.

The talks would help "pull the political actors back from the atmosphere of brinkmanship and confrontation." AFP

Bangladesh cyclone death toll hits 2,000

BARGUNA—BANGLADESH SAID SUNDAY THE death toll from a massive cyclone hit 2,000, with that grim tally certain to rise as the impoverished country struggled to get aid to millions left homeless.

The death toll has been jumping by hundreds at a time as rescue workers fight their way to remote areas where entire villages were flattened by the fury of Cyclone Sidr, which tore through southern Bangladesh on Thursday night.

Victims of the cyclone told AFP they were helpless and in desperate need of food and water.

"I lost six of my family members in the cyclone. I am afraid that the rest of us three will die of hunger. We have no food and water for the last few days," said 55-year-old farmer Sattar Gazi in the village of Nishanbari.

"For the corpses we don't even have clothes to wrap them in for burial ... We are wrapping the bodies in leaves," Abdul Zabbar, a 50-year-old teacher, said the situation in the area—already one of the poorest places on earth—was now unbearable.

"There is no food and drinking water. The whole village is livable. Bodies are still floating in the rivers and paddy fields," he said.

"And still, no relief officials and rescue officials have come to our area." Officials described the hu-

manitarian situation in coastal districts like Barguna, 200 km south of the capital Dhaka, as the worst in decades.

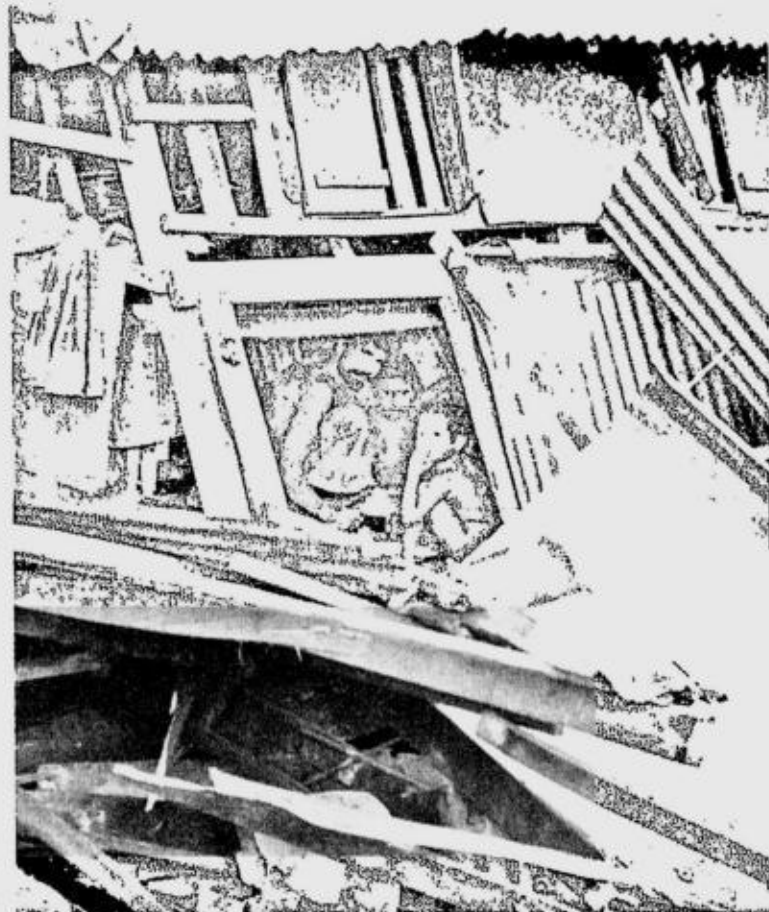
"I have never seen such a catastrophe in my 20 years as a government administrator," said district official Harisprasad Pal.

"Village after village has been shattered," he said. "Millions of people are living out in the open and relief is reaching less than one percent of the people." Aid efforts were being hampered by blocked roads and the sheer scale of the devastation. In some places elephants were used to remove fallen trees blocking access to remote areas.

Red Cross and Red Crescent workers said they were using volunteers to distribute immediately dried food and plastic sheeting for temporary shelters, but that many helpers were themselves victims of the cyclone.

Teams of local doctors were already on the ground and supplies of medicine were on their way from the capital. Assessment teams, however, were still trying to piece together a picture of the devastation.

"Our estimate is that 900,000

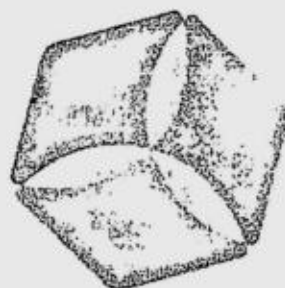


A FAMILY prepares food inside their cyclone-damaged house in Potuakhal, 152 km south of Bangladesh's capital on Saturday, Nov. 17. AP

families are affected," said Red Cross official Shafiquzzaman Rabbani. That figure amounts to roughly seven million people.

In many places, villagers said, the dead were quickly being buried in mass graves.

"We have confirmed 2,000 deaths and it is constantly increasing as we get more reports from affected districts," Masood Siddiki, director general of the government's disaster management bureau, told AFP. AFP



中糧
COFCO

自然之源 盡望我

TO OUR VALUED CONSUMERS

COFCO Limited, (previously known as China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuff Corporation) has a high reputation in the international food market as one of the leading food manufacturer of grains, oil and foodstuff. It is one of the largest importers and exporters in China. **COFCO** has over 50 years of experience in international trade, and has consistently ranked as one of the world's top 500 enterprises according to Fortune Magazine.

COFCO owns the trademarks of "MALING", "NARCISSUS", "PEARL RIVER BRIDGE" and many other brands. All products bearing these trademarks are sold to over 100 countries and regions including North America, Europe, South-east Asia, Africa and many more. All products exported pass through stringent quality control and have earned the confidence of consumers worldwide.

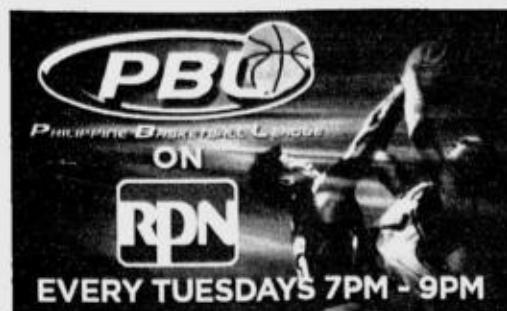
"MALING" (T-12) Luncheon Meat has been exported by **COFCO** to the Philippines for over 25 years. **COFCO's** "MALING" is duly registered with the **Philippine Bureau of Food and Drugs** and has been inspected and accredited by the Philippine Bureau of Animal Industry.

COFCO would like to assure the Filipino consumers that "MALING" (T-12) Luncheon Meat and other canned products under **COFCO** strictly follow high quality standard in food production and is therefore safe for consumption. **COFCO** continues its commitment in providing nutritious and healthy food not only to meet consumer basic needs but to ensure quality food products.

CHINA NATIONAL CEREALS, OILS AND FOODSTUFF CORPORATION
(owner of Maling brand)

For more information on **COFCO Limited**, visit our website at <http://www.cofco.com/en/>





EVERY TUESDAYS 7PM - 9PM

SPORTS

Website: www.inquirer.net/sports

Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres

Assistant Editor Francis T.J. Ochoa

Text us your feedback: inquirer.spt name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) E-mail: pr_sports@inquirer.com.ph

Agad-agad! **direct**
 Puwedeng
 hulugan ng up to
 6 months pa! **car insurance**
 Simpling Kausap!
CALL 88-725-88
 Cebu Office: (032)234-0808 Toll Free 1-800-1888-LINK(5466)

Sabal, Carreon top Milo Marathon

Technique wins it for Armyman

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE VETERAN sharpened his strategy with new ideas for the final battle.

After enduring months of disappointment, Cresenciano Sabal turned to a new technique to reclaim the 42K men's crown in the grand finals of the 31st National Milo Marathon yesterday.

Sabal clocked two hours, 22 minutes and 57 seconds in the arduous race that ended at the Quirino grandstand in Manila.

In the women's race, Flordeliza Carreon claimed her first national title with a time of 2:53:20.

With his new strategy, Sabal, the 2005 marathon king, finished strong while his challengers faded.

"It's called volting, there's a bounce in your step," Sabal explained in Filipino. "I tried it for the first time. In regular running, you use all your muscles. In volting, some of your muscles are relaxed. So in the last 10K, you still have enough energy."

Sabal broke away from the lead pack at the 10K mark to finish over two minutes ahead of runner-up Bernardo Desamito (2:25:03) and third-placer Juniel Languido (2:25:07).

"I researched the strategy on the Internet," said Sabal. "When I raced in Kenya last October, I learned how to do it from the world-class Kenyan runners and observed their procedure. Locally, I've seen (race record holder Eduardo) Buenavista do it. I got challenged."

Sabal had all the time to learn the new tech-



MILO FINISH LINE MILO



SPRING IN HIS STEP: Armyman Cresenciano Sabal solos it to the finish line.

RYAN LIM

nique—the lean, 28-year-old Armyman continues to serve an indefinite suspension from the national team.

"I'm willing to train again for the country," said Sabal, penalized by the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association last July for running in an unsanctioned race.

The Sultan Kudarat native would have wanted to test his volting strategy against Buenavista—who broke Sabal's 2005 record during the Manila leg last July (2:18:53)—and other top challengers including 2006 champion Julius Sermona, Allan Ballester and Roy Vence.

But the four veterans skipped the race, held in partnership with Bayview Park Hotel-Manila, Adidas, and the Department of Tourism, to prepare for the Thailand Southeast Asian Games next month.

Based in Baguio City, the 26-year-old Carreon shook off the rest of the pack early to finish more than seven minutes ahead of runner-up and 2004 champion Estela Diaz (3:01:05) and Mona Liza Ambasa (3:01:58).

"I've been training with Jho-An (Banayag)," said Carreon of the two-time champion, who also missed the race due to her SEAG training.

Sabal and Carreon bagged P75,000 each in the race that drew more than 12,000 runners from all over the country.

Other winners were Raquin Ereneo (34:38) and Mercedita Manipol (39:08) in the men's and women's 10K and Nelbert Ducusin (17:08) and Nhean Barcena (19:37) in the 5K.

Walang hulaan.

24-hour decision on your auto loan application...



Siguraduhan.

...or P24,000 off your amortization.



PSBank
 PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
 Metrobank Group



Apply at any PSBank branch nationwide or at PSBank Remote Banking at www.psbank.com.ph

From October 1 to December 31, 2007
 24-hour online auto loan application
 Sunday and public holiday

PSBank
Auto LOAN
 Simple lang

Premium European 2K Car Refinishing with 2 Years Warranty - in 10 Days

THE WET LOOK

(02) 8154205 / 8884342 www.thewetlook.com.ph info@thewetlook.com.ph

PING® GOLF CLUB FITTING

For inquiries, please call 842-9099 (Mon-Fri) or visit a PING AUTHORIZED FITTING CENTER

Southpoint Driving Range
 Filinvest Corp. City,
 Alabang, Muntinlupa City

CityGolf Driving Range
 Doña Julia Vargas Ave.,
 Pasig City

Makati Golf Club
 Malugay St., Brgy. Bel Air, Makati City

LOGCOM Driving Range
 Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City



DOWNPAYMENT? SAVE IT!

You won't be needing it anymore.
 At least, not to get yourself a new Mazda3.
 Simply place a deposit -- which you can get back with interest!
 Visit your Mazda dealer about this and other exciting offers now!

Mazda3 models start at P749K.

Subject to credit approval
 (032) 731-2222
www.mazda.com.ph

Mazda Alabang 772-3168 to 69 • Mazda Greenhills 722-1102 • Mazda Quezon Avenue 712-3355 • Mazda Makati 751-2235 to 36 • Mazda Cebu (032) 731-2222
 Mazda Hotline 85-MAZDA (85-62932)

Unleash
 the road warrior
 in you.



Power up
 with
 95 RON

XCS

The only gasoline powered by premium organic combustion enhancers for a cleaner burn and unrelenting power wherever you go.



V-League: UST tossers trim La Salle Spring five zaps Indonesians

By Romina S. Austria

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS MOVED closer to a second straight finals appearance when it outlasted De La Salle, 25-17, 25-16, 18-25, 19-25, 15-8, yesterday in the 2007 Shakey's V-League women's volleyball second conference at The Arena in San Juan.

Suzanne Roces and Venus Bernal combined for 40 points while Mary Jean Balse and Angeli Tabaquero contributed 15 and 10 points, respectively for the Tigresses.

With its seventh straight win, and

STANDINGS	W	L
UST	8	1
SSC	7	1
Ateneo	6	3
Adamson	4	5
La Salle	3	5

GAMES TOMORROW

(The Arena)

3 p.m.—Adamson vs San Sebastian

5 p.m.—Ateneo vs La Salle

eight overall in nine matches, the first-conference champion clinched at least a playoff for a championship berth.

With the loss, La Salle must now sweep its last three semifinal games to

force a playoff with the No. 2 squad.

In the opener, Ateneo stayed alive for a finals slot by booting out Adamson Univer-

sity, 27-25, 25-15, 25-22.

The Lady Eagles stayed in third spot at 6-3 even as the Lady Falcons took their second loss in the semifinal round.

Ateneo's Thai import Lithawat Kesinee atoned for her anemic 15-point performance in a losing cause against San Sebastian last Friday, delivering 31 points this time to power the Lady Eagles.

Charo Soriano also dished out an inspired game for Ateneo, scoring on 10 attacks to finish with 11 points while Patricia Taganas, Denise Acevedo, Bea Pascual and Karla Bello combined for 16 points.

JOHOR, MALAYSIA—THE NBC-SPRING Cooking Oil Selection dumped Indonesia Basketball League's Aspac team, 85-67, Saturday and boosted its bid for a top two finish in the 2007 Johor Invitational basketball tournament at the Larkin Stadium here.

The Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Tagayat Mayor and league EVP Bambol Tolentino tightened their defense in the playoff period to turn what had looked like a thriller into a runaway triumph, the Filipinos' third in four games.

Henry Fernandez's hot perimeter

shooting and Danny Capobres' dominating performance in the shaded area lifted the Filipinos' spirit after their sluggish play in the first three quarters.

The Filipinos are playing China's Parklane Club at presstime Sunday.

The Filipinos trailed 18-20 after 10 minutes and were held by the Indons' pesky defense to a 39-39 tie at the turn.

The scores:
NBC-SPRING 85—Fernandez 23, Capobres 16, Lamocho 13, Epondulan 11, Villamin 7, Marquez 6, De Castro 4, Reyes 3, Quibod 2, Napo 2.

ASAPAC 67—Pawiro 14, San 13, Vinton 9, David 8, Lie 6, Rinaldo 5, Febrin 4, Rama 2, Gerungan 0, Endralmo 0.

Quarters: 18-20, 39-39, 62-57, 85-67

Manila wraps it up in style

By June Navarro

A BIG LETDOWN IN AQUATICS, Manila came to life in other fronts to rule the 2nd Philippine Olympic Festival national championships pulling away yesterday.

The Manilans turned to their gymnasts and archers, who contributed a total of 15 golds on the final day that moved them out of reach of their chief rivals from Quezon City.

Gymnasts Mage Wagan and Arielle Nichole Orella accounted for 11 golds among themselves, while archers Ronalyn Alvarez and Deny Hallarsis added two golds apiece to cap a seven-victory effort by Manila in the sport.

Orella seized the gold in the ribbon, rope, hoop, ball and all-around events in the category 1 of rhythmic gymnastics while Wagan swept the events in category 2. Manila's 11th gold came in the team event.

Hallarsis snagged the gold in the 30-meter and 50m men's recurve and Alvarez added two more—the girls' 50m and 30m recurve.

Along with its supremacy in athletics the other day, Manila finished with 62 gold, 44 silver and 28 bronze medals. Quezon City, which picked up 26 gold medals alone in swimming, wound up with a gold-silver-bronze output of 49-27-27, with Laguna

Medal Tally	G	S	B
Manila	62	44	28
Quezon City	49	27	27
Laguna	41	43	41
Cavite	37	30	34
Iloilo Prov	26	20	20
Iloilo	21	20	25
Zamboanga	20	8	9
Pasig City	19	10	14
Baguio	15	34	42
Parañaque	14	14	9
M'daluyong	13	5	4
Lipa City	11	10	8
La Union	11	6	9
Iloilo City	10	9	16
Muntinlupa	10	6	5
Batangas	10	3	1
GenSan	9	8	7
Misamis Or	8	8	6
Negros Occ	7	5	4
Marikina	7	3	10
Capiz	7	0	0
P. Princesa	5	1	1
Davao City	4	2	2
Bulacan	4	1	3
C. De Oro	4	2	6
Pangasinan	4	3	3
Antique	3	3	3
Valenzuela	3	2	1
Makati	3	1	1
Las Piñas	3	2	4
Rizal	3	2	4
Angeles City	2	1	5
Lucena	2	1	2
Cam Sur	1	1	4
Ilocos Sur	1	1	0
San Juan	0	2	3
Pasay	0	2	2
Taguig	0	2	2
Koronadal	0	1	4
Malabon	0	1	2
Mindoro Or	0	1	2
Pateros	0	0	3
N. Ecija	0	0	1
Mindoro Occ	0	1	1
Zambales	0	0	1

third at 41-43-41.

Louise Sarmiento took a seventh gold for Quezon City at the Trace Aquatics Center in Los Baños, Laguna, after winning the 400-meter freestyle for girls' 17 years old and above.

The 17-year-old Sarmiento also won the 200m individual medley, 100m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 800m free, 200m free and 50m free to become the most bemedaled athlete of the games backed by Globe, Accel, AMA, Asia Brewery and Pagcor.

Quezon City also gained seven golds from taekwondo, three from wrestling and another three from powerlifters Bill Blackenship (men's 125kg), Wilbert Cua (100kg) and Eddie Torres (82.5kg).

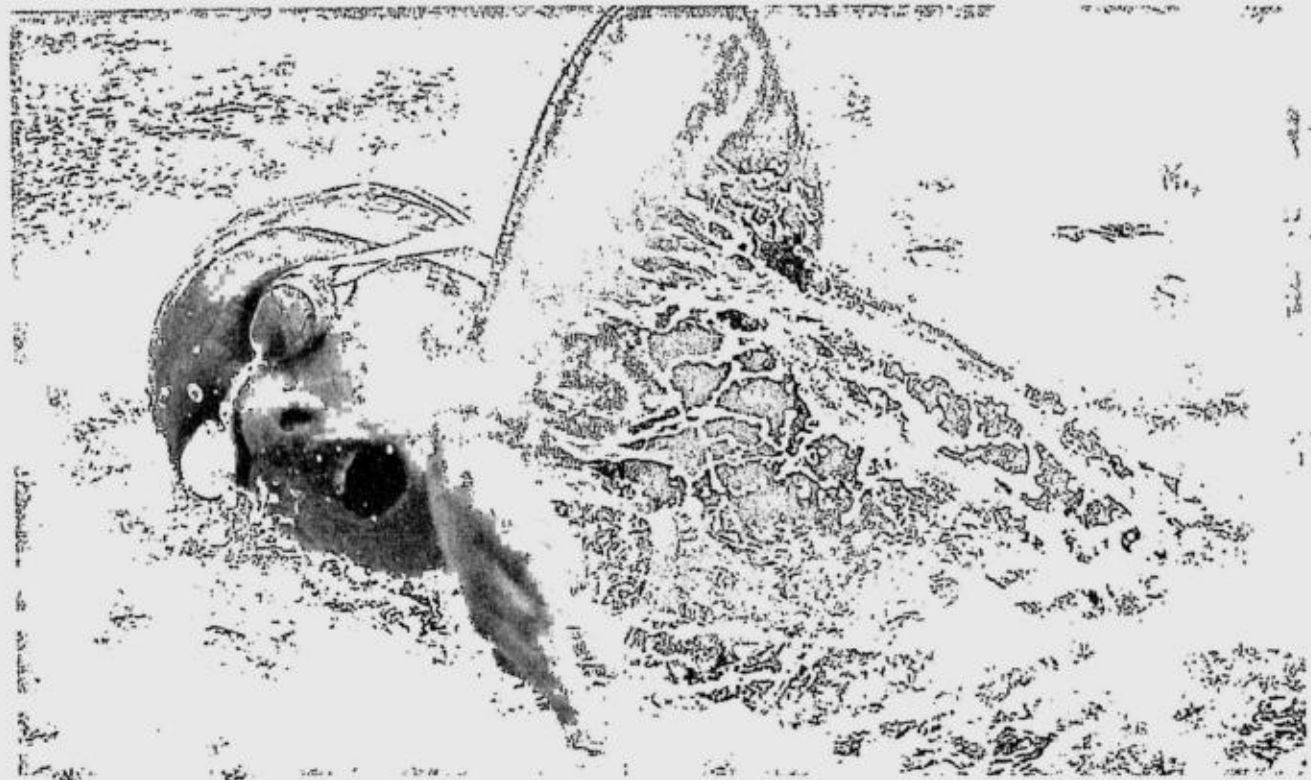
Manila swimmers only had five golds with Sabrina Ingrid Ilustre winning four. Ilustre, 12, won the 100m breaststroke, 200m IM, 400m IM and 200m breast.

Laguna wound up third built on its exploits in swimming, taekwondo and athletics.

Cavite, which banked on its tracksters the other day, also made hay in gymnastics yesterday as the province collected 10

of the 26 gold medals at stake.

Gymnasts Ananny Albina and Rachel Joy Camino won the ribbon, ball, rope, hoop and all-around events in level 2 rhythmic gymnastics category 1 and 2, respectively.



LAS Piñas standout Jasmine Alkhaldi churns her way to victory in the 14-and-under 200-meter freestyle.

RAFFY LERMA

12TH MARHO BREEDERS CUP Robust run by Macho Man

By Musong R. Castillo

OUTSIDER MACHO MAN CAME from the tail of a six-horse pack last night to rule the 3YO Colts race of the 12th Marho Breeders Cup Racing Festival before a stunned gallery at the Santa Ana Park in Makati.

After selling less than P20,000 out of the total daily double pool of close to P840,000, the John Paul Guce-handled chestnut used the wide-open rail at mid-backstretch to catch the pace-setters and win by half a length over EJ's Magic.

It was the day's biggest upset and the field's longest shot gave away handsome handouts in the betting,

with the Pick 6 yielding a dividend of P32,929.

EJ's Magic set a torrid pace and the hot favorite Legendary, ridden by Jonathan Hernandez, gave chase early to make it a two-horse race down the stretch until Macho Man came storming from behind.

Macho Man timed 1 minute and 40 seconds for the mile.

Triple Crown hopeful Es Twenty Six, ridden by Jessie B. Guce, routed a compact 3YO Filly field in an impressive 1:39 also over the mile. It won by four lengths over second choice Treaded Ack.

Sent off as the overwhelming first pick with sales of P770,479 out of the

daily double handle of P1,143,181, Es Twenty Six posted quarter times of 25, 24, 23 and 26.

Landed Visa, under Val Dilema, rallied to salvage third place over stablemate Defiant and Zarate.

The favored Don Enrico pulled away after rounding the final straight to rule the Juvenile Colts race with a time of 1:33.6 for the 15/16 distance.

Second choice Arithmetic, handled expertly by Patty Dilema, won the Juvenile Fillies race by two lengths over Speed Madonna.

Arithmetic clocked a respectable 1:34.6 broken down in 18, 24, 25, 27 for the 1,500-meter journey to also win P550,000.

Pagulayan trips Gallego for Negros title



SEVEN-RACK cluster wins it for Alex Pagulayan.

By Marlon Bernardino, Contributor

DUMAGUETE CITY—ALEX PAGULAYAN outclassed Ramil Gallego, 13-9, to rule the Negros Oriental International 9-Ball Championship at the Dumaguete Convention Center on Saturday night.

The 28-year-old Pagulayan clustered seven straight racks to turn a 2-4 deficit into a comfortable 9-4 lead which he never relinquished.

Pagulayan pocketed \$20,000 while Gallego, a five-time Japan champion, settled for \$10,000. Both finalists also received a mobile phone each.

"I was very cautious all throughout because I knew Bebeng (Gallego) is

also good," said Pagulayan.

Pagulayan trounced Elmer Haya, 11-5, in the semifinal to arrange a titular showdown with Gallego, an 11-4 winner over Jarry Pelayo.

Pelayo and Haya each won \$5,000. Gallego did himself in by fouling three times against Pagulayan during the latter's seven-rack streak.

Gallego had a chance to close in at 9-11 count after Pagulayan's dry break but failed to capitalize. From there, Pagulayan never looked back.

"I learned a lot from Alex in this match," said Gallego, whose victims in the tourney included Edgar Acaba, 9-8; Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat, 9-8; European ace Konstantin Stepanov of

Russia, 9-1; ex-US Open champion Corey Deuel of the United States, 9-5; 1996 World 9-Ball Champion Ralf Souquet of Germany, 9-6; and current National Open champion Lee Vann Corteza, 9-6, in the loser's bracket.

Gallego's only other loss was against Haya, 8-9, during the opening round last Wednesday.

The Negros championship featured nine former World Pool Champions—Pagulayan, Efren "Bata" Reyes, Ronato Alcano of the Philippines, Johnny Archer of the United States, Souquet and Thorsten Hohmann of Germany, Wu Chia-ching of Taiwan, Kunihiro Takahashi of Japan and Mika Immonen of Finland.

Norman Mailer, 84, had beer at the Big Dome

THERE'S WIDE-EYED DISBELIEF THE usual big wow, whenever it is stated that Norman Mailer was here.

But, more than shock, the 32-year-old news which, during normal times, should've been page-one stuff, is received with happy amazement.

"Norman Mailer dead at 84," said a text message from boxing expert Nick Giogoco of Manila Bulletin the other Sunday.

It's both odd and melodramatic, but the information reached this reporter while he was at the Araneta Coliseum, covering the World Pool Championship on Nov. 11.

Yes, this was the exact historic venue where Mailer, the greatest American writer of his time, positioned himself, selfless and invisible, in an unlit area to observe the weigh-in for the Thrilla in Manila of Oct. 1, 1975.

Giogoco, who rapidly developed into a big Mailer fan, could not believe that his idol was once right here.

"Wow, is that so, sir?" said Giogoco, who may be just learning his first steps in 1975.

BARE EYE



Recab Trinidad

It was an unusual period in the history of the nation, reeling under the bloody boots of a tyrant.

Ferdinand Marcos was at the peak of Martial Law powers and he had Muhammad Ali, then the greatest fighter of the period, as state guest. Mailer, no doubt, was here also on the invitation of the Philippine government.

Sorry, but all other luminaries, except maybe Marcos himself, were pushed into the inside pages, if they ever got due notice.

Reason: Ali was big news, the only news.

Anyway, those who missed meeting—or plainly observing—the great Mr. Mailer could not be blamed.

He was not the sort who came to be noticed and bask in his celebrity.

There were the other big names in American sportswriting, Red Smith, with famous shiny pate, and the younger Dave Anderson, to name only two.

Youthful Filipino sports scribes, like Ding Marcelo and Al Mendoza, tried to get the autographs of these two noted American journalists.

In fact, these younger colleagues were themselves amazed upon learning much later that, yes, Norman Mailer was right there at the Big Dome.

"Hope I could go back to Antipolo," Mailer, in light blue bush jacket and matching slacks, suggested during a break in the weigh-in.

His eyes smiled a piercing smile as he propped a cold bottle of San Miguel beer upon his three middle fingers, like an aspirant juggler.

He, definitely, was not trying to be different, but he just looked and loomed new, very original.

He also had a tall, pretty American lady in tow.

Anyway, Mr. Mailer explained, almost shyly, that he served with the US Army in World War II and was part of the campaign around Antipolo.

"Please give me a call at the Intercon after the fight," he suggested.

Well, as the cliché kings would put it, The Thrilla in Manila, staged the day after Norman Mailer had a beer at ringside, is now history.

By the way, Mailer failed to take the call the day after Ali mauled and stopped Joe Frazier.

A lady's lovely voice on the phone said her friend could not be roused.

So there went the planned trip back to Antipolo for Mailer and this reporter, history down the drain.

Weeks after he left, we tried to search for what he wrote about the Thrilla, but there was none so far.

Truth is that, in writing The Fight, about the Rumble in the Jungle in Zaire of 1974, Mailer succeeded in offering all necessary secret information on boxing for future generations of readers.

As for aspirant writers, or plain deadline beaters, he had one unforgettable legacy.

"Always say something new," he advised, trying not to appear and sound like a sage.

SPORTSWATCH

Champs League q'finals up today

GAMES TODAY (The Arena, San Juan)

2 p.m.—Univ. of Mindanao vs Univ. of Visayas
4 p.m.—San Beda vs UST

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VISAYAS Green Lancers and the University of Mindanao Wildcats collide for a semifinal berth today in the Fil-Oil/Flying V National Collegiate Champions League at The Arena in San Juan.

The knockout encounter between the two squads is set at 2 p.m. with reigning NCAA champion San Beda clashing against the 2006 UAAP winner University of Santo Tomas in the main game at 4 p.m.

UV rode a blistering offensive in the second half as the Green Lancers crushed the Lyceum Pirates, 101-80, Saturday to clinch the last quarterfinal berth.

The scores:
UV 101—Dennison 19, Berame 16, Laneta 14, Mepaña 14, Diputado 12, Slaughter 8, Luga 8, Villanil 6, Lao 2, Lasala 2, Tancongo 0, Arda 0.

LYCEUM 80—Pagente 19, Santiago 18, Taguibao 13, Calimag 11, Balmaceda 6, Medina 4, Pineda 3, Mendoza 2, Engulo 2, Rimando 2, Abaya 0, Ong 0.
Quarters: 22-19, 37-40, 72-60, 101-80

80 fights in SJC derby today

MORE THAN 80 FIGHTS SIZZLE STARTING at 2 p.m. today in the "Ubusan ng Lahi" 4-stag derby sponsored by Sagupaan Complexor 3000 at San Juan Coliseum.

Veteran cocker Bobbit Ples, who staged the "Rabatitat" derby, SJC's biggest crowd-drawer last year, is hosting the event.

Members of the Pasay Cockpit Cockers Association, SJC Cockers Club, National Cockers Association and the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association are fielding entries.

P2M staked in Roligon derby

A GUARANTEED PRIZE OF P2 MILLION IS up for grabs in the upcoming "Weder Weder Lang" 5-cock derby slated Dec. 1, 4, 6 and 8 and backed mainly by Lakpue Drug Inc. at Roligon Mega Cockpit in Parañaque.

Hosts Rolly Ligon, Super Ninja Saito and the RBD group pegged the entry fee at P8,800 and minimum bet at P4,400.

"It's the first major cock derby after the moulting season, so we expect a minimum of 200 entries for this event," said Ligon.

Jimenez wins; Miñoza ties for 40th place

HONG KONG—SPAIN'S MIGUEL ANGEL Jimenez held on to bogey the final hole and overcome Sweden's Robert Karlsson for his second UBS Hong Kong Open title on Sunday.

Jimenez, also the 2004 winner, finished with a three-under-par 67 for a 265 total to nip overnight leader Karlsson, who double bogeyed the 18th hole to end up in joint second place at 266 at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Jimenez, 43, walked away with the top prize of \$375,000.

Karlsson, who claimed the runner-up spot in Portugal last month, produced a 72 and finished alongside Korean stalwart Choi Kyung-ju who posted a strong 67 and Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee, a two-time Asian number one, who closed with a 65.

Frankie Miñoza emerged as the best Filipino by tying for 40th place after shooting a 70 for 278. Antonio Lascuña carded a 75 and wound up at 280, Juvic Pagunsan finished at 281 after a 73 and Gerald Rosales landed at 287 after a 77.

"It's very nice to win again here, it's great," said Jimenez. *Asian Tour News*

3 teams dispute I-Village golf title

A THREE-CORNERED FIGHT LOOMS AMONG BF Resort, Hillsborough and Tahanan in the 18th Intervillage Golf Tournament Series which ends today at the Mt. Malarayat Golf and Country Club.

Only six points separate the three teams as they play the final 18 holes at the Lipa City course. BF Resort, with four players scoring 39 points each, is ahead with 306 points, four up on Hillsborough and six ahead of Tahanan.

Arniel Bondoc, Joey Lalisan, Art Ampaya and Zardi Abellera, who each carded 39 points at the Summit Point last Tuesday, will lead BF Resort.

Hillsborough will bank on Danny Olanosa, Ed Puno and King Rodrigo while Lito Abad, Danny Gutierrez, Jun Sauler and Beng Ibo banner Tahanan's bid.

Heat halt skid

D-Wade secures Miami victory

EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY—Dwyane Wade scored 23 points, Penny Hardaway added 16 in his best game since returning to the NBA, and the Miami Heat beat the New Jersey Nets 91-87 on Saturday for their second victory of the season.

Shaquille O'Neal had 18 points for the Heat, who snapped a three-game skid and sent the Nets to their fifth straight loss. Hardaway was 6-of-6 from the field, making three triples in the fourth quarter.

Wade was only 4-for-17 from the floor in his third game of the season, but made 15 of 20 free throws before a clinching jumper in the final second.

Rookie Sean Williams scored a season-high 22 points in his first career start for the Nets, playing without injured All-Star Vince Carter.

Mavericks 108, Grizzlies 105

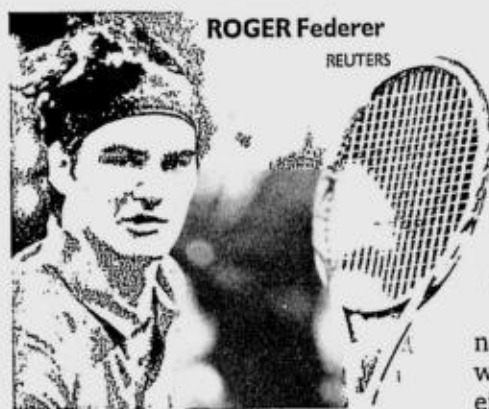
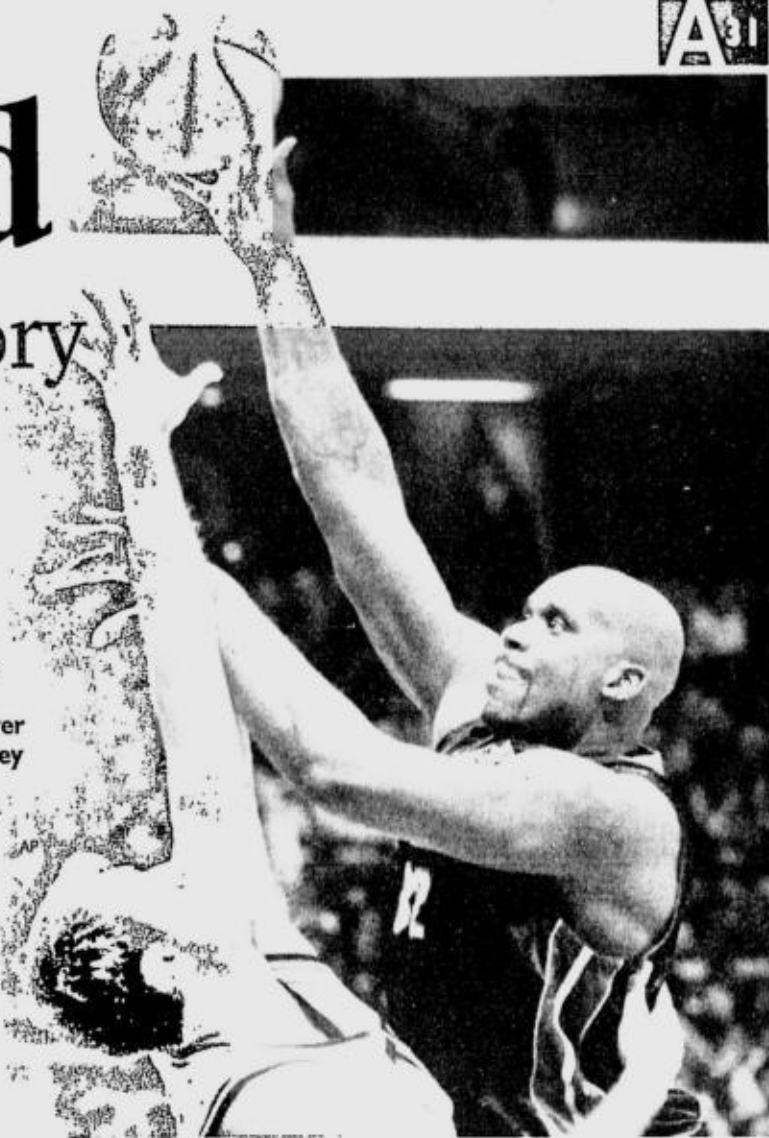
At Dallas, Josh Howard matched his season high with 27 points, six during a key fourth-quarter stretch, and Dallas remained unbeaten at home.

Dirk Nowitzki added 21 points, including two critical free throws with eight seconds left, and Devin Harris had 19 points and eight assists to help the Mavericks remain perfect in five home games.

Mike Miller's 23 points, Hakim Warrick's 17 and Pau Gasol's 15 paced the Grizzlies, who've lost three in a row.

OTHER RESULTS: Pacers 117, Jazz 97; Hornets 100, Timberwolves 82; Suns 115, Rockets 105; Bucks 105, Hawks 96; Bobcats 100, SuperSonics 84; Wizards 109, Trail Blazers 90; Nuggets 115, Knicks 83; Bulls 92, Clippers 73

MIAMI center Shaquille O'Neal shoots over New Jersey Nets' Nenad Krstic.



ROGER Federer REUTERS

Federer bags 4th Masters plum

SHANGHAI, CHINA—TOP-ranked Roger Federer won his fourth Masters Cup title Sunday, overwhelming No. 6 David Ferrer, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

It was the third consecutive dominating performance by Federer, who won his 53rd career title—including eight this year—and ran his record

against Ferrer to 8-0.

"I'm so happy," said Federer, who collected \$1.2 million and a new car for the win. "This is the year-end tournament that only the best can make it to. For me to win is a fantastic experience."

The Spaniard was simply no match for Federer's blend of spins, power

and volleying skills, managing only 10 winners to 38 unforced errors as he was forced to try to do too much with Federer getting everything back. Federer had 30 winners and 29 unforced errors.

Swiss fans said it all with a banner reading, "Shhh! Quiet! Genius at work." *AP*

Poulter takes Dunlop golf by two

MIYAZAKI, JAPAN—ENGLAND'S IAN POULTER SHOT A 1-under-par 69 Sunday to win the Dunlop Phoenix golf tournament by two strokes.

Poulter claimed the \$364,250 winner's purse after holding on at the Phoenix Country Club to beat out Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez Castano, who shot a 68.

Defending champion and overnight co-leader Padraig

Harrington of Ireland finished six strokes off the pace after a final round 69.

Harrington beat Tiger Woods with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff last year. Woods, who won the tournament in 2004 and 2005, is not taking part this year.

England's Luke Donald (71) tied for third with Japan's Shingo Katayama, who carded a final round 68. *AP*

Guzman decisions Soto

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY—WBO junior-welterweight champion Joan Guzman remained undefeated with a unanimous decision over Humberto Soto on Saturday. Guzman (28-0), from the Dominican Republic, used his slick style and strong defense to gain a 12-round, unanimous decision over Soto (43-6-2) of Mexico, at the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa. *AP*



DODGE

CHRYSLER



Jeep

MAD RUSH

You only have 3 days to MAKE A DEAL of a lifetime!



**November
23, 24 & 25, 2007**

Make A Deal now and Rush to get your own Chrysler, Jeep & Dodge vehicle.

- ★ Extremely low Downpayment
- ★ No Cash DP Scheme for Trade-In Buyers
- ★ 5 years extended 0% interest scheme*
- ★ Special deals for Cash Buyers

*Applicable on selected models only
Available through China Bank, Sterling Bank and AIG Philam Saving Bank from November 23-25 only.
PER DTI-NCR Permit # 4171 Series of 2007

Solutions comes standard.



CHRYSLER MAKATI 2287 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City, Metro Manila TEL: (632) 815 2222 / MOBILE: (0920) 904 0717
CHRYSLER GREENHILLS 1008 EDSA Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila TEL: (632) 723 5808 / MOBILE: (0920) 904 0716
EMAIL: chryslergroup@cats.com.ph WWW.CHRYSLER.COM.PH



CEBU Dolphins' Jonas Ponce dives back safely to second base, beating the tag of Manila Sharks' Larry Icban in yesterday's game at the Rizal ballpark. **RODEL ROTONI**



Pitcher powers Manila

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CHARLIE LABRADOR SHOWED UP JOSEPH ORILLANA in a duel between national team pitchers and Manila sustained its amazing comeback with a 3-2 nipping of Cebu yesterday to wrest the lead in the Baseball Philippines Series 2 at the Rizal Memorial ballpark.

Labrador struck out seven batters and issued only a hit in the last three innings to finish with a five-hitter and clinch Manila's fourth win in six games.

Orillana gave up eight hits, five in the first three innings, as Manila took an early 3-0 lead. And when Cebu rallied with two runs in the lower sixth, Labrador handcuffed the enemy for good.

"We are beginning to play as one unit," said

STANDINGS	W	L
Manila	4	2
Cebu	4	3
Makati	3	3
Dumaguete	3	3
Marikina	3	3
Taguig	1	4

GAMES SATURDAY (Rizal ballpark)	
7 a.m.—Cebu vs Taguig	
10:30 a.m.—Manila vs Dumaguete	
2 p.m.—Makati vs Marikina	

Labrador. "I hope we can sustain this teamwork and continue our focus."

The Dolphins slumped to their second successive defeat for a 4-3 slate, in a tie with Makati which came up with a 14-hit attack in a 4-2 win over Dumaguete later in the day.

The loss snapped Dumaguete's three-win streak and dropped the Unibikers to 3-4.

The earlier match between Taguig and Marikina was called off because the field was unplayable after Saturday night's rains. Taguig

is still in the basement at 1-4, while Marikina stood at 3-3.

Catcher Rommel Roja broke the ice for Manila in the first inning by scoring off an error and the Sharks added two more runs in the fifth through Virgilio Roxas and Richard Leonor.

Roxas doubled, reached third on a sacrifice fly by Marvin Malig and scored on a passed ball. Leonor also doubled before reaching home on a single by Bambol Servo.

Run-scoring doubles by Jon de Ubago and Anthony Olaybar in the sixth moved Cebu within one at 2-3, but Labrador pitched his way out of further trouble from there.

The linescores: **R H E**
MANILA 100-020-000—3 8 2
CEBU 000-002-000—2 5 4

MAKATI 000-030-010—4 12 4
DUMAGUETE 000-002-000—2 8 0

Riner upends Taiwanese for Holcim crown

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SWISS ACE NICOLE RINER BREEZED PAST Chinese Taipei's Chang Kai-chen, 6-3, 6-2, yesterday to capture the singles title of the Holcim ITF women's tennis tournament at the Manila Polo Club shellcourts.

The seventh seed Riner used her vast experience to whip her Taiwanese foe and rule the first week of the two-phase competitions.

The 17-year-old stunner, a member of the Swiss Fed Cup team, won her fifth title this year and is expected to climb up the world rankings from her current 637th.

She dropped just a single set in the tournament and that came way back in the second round when big-hitting South Korean Kang Seo-kyung forced her to three sets before losing, 6-2, 1-6, 6-0.

In the finals, Riner twice broke Chang to take a 5-3 lead in the first set.

Chang, seeded fifth, tried to come back in the second set but there was no stopping the 5-foot-10 Riner who unloaded a stream of winners to seal the victory.

CARRYBOY
World Class Auto Accessories

SUPER SPORT LID
2nd Generation Pick-up Bed Covers
LOCKABLE. WATERTIGHT.

GSM One-Touch Pop-Up Motorized Super Lid
• Cab-high full open
• Integrated FRP Stylist Roll bar
• Rotary lock system (Car-like operation)
• Vibration resistant
• Smooth, body-match paint finish

SM One-Touch Pop-Up Motorized Super Lid
• Cab-high full open for bigger cargo & passenger space
• Rotary lock system (Car-like operation)
• Smooth, body-match paint finish

SLX Perfect match with CB 706 Roll bar
• Manual Operation
• 45° degree opening
• Conventional rear lock system
• Smooth, body-match paint finish

SRX All Carryboy Roll bar adaptable
• Hinges with spring for easy opening
• 45° degree opening
• 45° degree opening (Car-like operation)
• Smooth, body-match paint finish

SR Hinges with spring for easy opening
• 45° degree opening
• Rotary lock system (Car-like operation)
• Smooth, body-match paint finish

CARRYBOY PHILIPPINES INC.
Sole Authorized Distributor of Genuine Accessories by Carryboy Thailand
No. 84 Banawe corner Macopa Sta., Quezon City
Global website: www.carryboy.com Phil. website: www.carryboyphil.com 740-0525 or 30

AUTOWIDE INT'L (SUBIC) CORP.

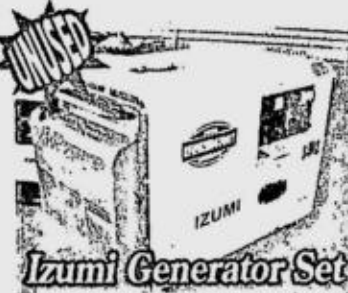
Lot C Rizal Highway, Subic Gateway,
Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines 2222
Tel. No.: 047-2521221 Telefax No.: 047-2521223

BIG PRICE CUT
Nov. 19 - 30, 2007



Manila Display: **GULLWING MOTORS INT'L. CORP.**
57 Amang Rodriguez Sr. Ave, Santolan Pasig City
Telefax No.: 02-6467739

www.myautowide.com info@myautowide.com



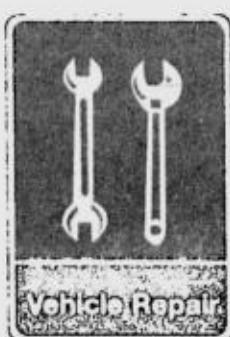
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



CALTEX

20TH PHILIPPINE ADVERTISING CONGRESS ROADTRIP ASSISTANCE

Rest your worries on traveling to the 20th Philippine Advertising Congress with the Inquirer and Caltex Road Assistance Pit Stops on the road to the GVC Convention Center in Subic Industrial Park. Find premium support on motoring and passenger needs with a comprehensive array of pit stop services, which include:



Plus, get a chance to win thousands of Caltex Star Cash gift certificates when you visit any of the Inquirer-Caltex Road Assistance centers!

hp 6810p Business Notebook
CORPORATE ELITE

- 14.1 inch diagonal widescreen display plus VMA and discrete options with up to 128MB dedicated video memory
- 802.11 a/b/g/n + Bluetooth
- Secure Digital Slot
- Intel Core 2 Duo Processors

Call now for more info!

INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.
+632 727 3801 • 744 3000 www.ics.com.ph

BUSINESS

Editor Raul O. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

Text us your feedback: Inquirer biz name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

E-mail: business@inquirer.com.ph

Website: www.inquirer.net/business

www.koreanair.com

Excellence in Connection

Enjoy the Best First Class Service in the World

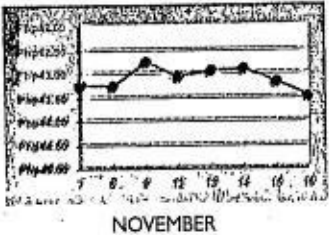
KOREAN AIR

Reservations in Flight

Reservation Center, Manila: 893-4909

Net 'hot money' inflows up to \$274M in Oct.

INDICATORS CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE
P 43.5 = \$1
As of 5 p.m., Nov. 16, 2007

STOCK MARKET

Bearish trading seen

SHARE PRICES ARE EXPECTED to track developments in the US market amid persistent fears relating to the subprime lending crisis there, analysts said.

They said the stock market ignored a widely expected 25-basis-point cut in interest rates by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas last Thursday.

"The outlook (for this week) may be for further declines toward the 3,500 level. The market ignored a rate cut because that was largely expected already and net foreign selling last (week) was P7.5 billion," PCCI Securities president Francisco Libro observed.

Jovis Vistan, head of research at AB Capital Securities, said that after companies reported their third-quarter earnings and the BSP

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



NOVEMBER
(See stock market report on Page B8)

BEARISH/B7

BSP rate cut, rosy prospects boost investments

By Doris C. Dumlaog

THE PHILIPPINES ATTRACTED \$274 MILLION IN net foreign investments in local stocks, bonds and money markets in October, dwarfing the \$35.8 million generated in September, due to the improved domestic and global investor sentiment.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. reported Friday that the resurgence of strong foreign portfolio inflows, also called "hot money" due to their volatile nature, brought the 10-month net windfall to \$3.7 billion, or nearly double the \$1.9 billion in net inflows for the same period last year.

"Several factors helped boost investor confidence during the month, including the Bangko

Sentral's 25-basis-point reduction in policy rates, the upward adjustment in the International Monetary Fund's 2007 growth forecast for the Philippine economy to 6.3 percent from 5.8 percent in July, easing concerns about the US economy, and several reports of strong third-quarter corporate earnings," Tetangco said.

This developed as appetite for emerging market assets improved following the US Feder-

al Reserve's steeper-than-expected half-a-percentage-point cut in its benchmark interest rates in mid-September. The BSP's own interest rate cut on Oct. 4 also lured more investments to the local stock market.

On a gross basis, the BSP reported that foreign portfolio investments registered by major foreign custodian banks in October totaled \$1.2 billion, 79 percent of which went to shares listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The balance went to placements in peso-denominated government securities, primarily fixed rate treasury notes or FXTNs. These inflows exceeded capital repatriations of \$955.2 million, which arose from divest-

ments from PSE-listed shares and government securities and with drawal of money market placements and peso deposits.

For the first 10 months of the year, fresh foreign portfolio investments amounted to \$13.4 billion as against capital outflows of \$3.7 billion.

"The generally upbeat outlook on the domestic economy sustained the positive investor sentiment," Tetangco said. Gross investments in PSE-listed shares amounted to \$11 billion for the 10-month period, accounting for 82 percent of total. Property, telecommunication, utility and holding firms captured about 74 percent of investments in these shares. Peso-denominated gov-

NET 'HOT MONEY'/B5

IN THIS ISSUE

■ **No Free Lunch:**
Fearful forecasts? /B2

■ **Peso tempers rise**
of gasoline prices /B3

■ **Tax leaks cost gov't**
P107B in '06 /B5

Soon to make waves

The grand total.

It all boils down to this: We value your opinion. We appreciate your feedback. Express your thoughts to your bank by simply texting us at 0917-6292265. Now that's what you call global touch, local reach.

To try out this new service, type MAYBANK and send to 0917-6292265.

Member **MAYBANK** and POC
Member of Philippine Lending Insurance Corporation
Member of Philippine Lending Insurance Corporation

Maybank

B2

AS LOW AS P250

OFFICE EQUIPMENTS REPAIR
ALL BRANDS, ALL MODELS
FAX MACHINES, PRINTERS, MONITORS,
CALCULATORS, TYPEWRITERS &
OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENTS

Present this coupon and avail of a 15% DISCOUNT

KCS KINGS CYBER SHOPPING
KCS 894-2309 894-2309 374-7983
KCS 843-6630 843-6630 374-5296
KINGS OF OCEAN MALL STA. CRUZ, MANILA 734-9945 / 734-9924

FAX REPAIR

No FREE LUNCH

Cielito F. Habito



LAST FRIDAY'S SESSION ON "FEARLESS forecasts" at the annual meeting of the Philippine Economic Society (PES) yielded

Fearful forecasts?

an interesting mix of views on our economy's performance and outlook.

Featured were viewpoints from a credit-rating agency, a financial services firm and the academe.

Contrary to what some members of the audience had been jokingly anticipating, there were no "fearful" forecasts, at least as far as the usual numbers are concerned. In fact, the more significant parts of the discussion were not so much the numerical forecasts of growth, foreign exchange rate and other financial indicators, but the opportunities and risks facing our economy in the year ahead.

Growth outlook

Most of us now recognize that the growth in gross domestic product (GDP) is not and should not be taken to be the primary measure of an economy's strength and well-being. Still, GDP growth remains the first thing that people ask concerning the economy's performance, and how the economy will fare in the year ahead.

On this, there was consensus among all four speakers that the economy would grow more slowly in 2008 compared to this year.

There appeared to be a general agreement that this year will see GDP growth in the neighborhood of (and slightly above) 7 percent, given that the official statistics report an average 7.3 percent growth so far for the first half of the year. But the numbers given by all four speakers for 2008 GDP growth were in the 6.4 to 6.7 percent range.

The lowest estimate came from the credit-rating agency; the highest estimate was mine (the other representative from academe had it at 6.5). In reality, a few decimal points' difference doesn't really matter at all—the difference, as statisticians would say, is not significant. Still, these numerical forecasts reflect a general expectation of more moderate growth next year compared to this year.

External drag

Why the anticipated slowdown? The biggest factor is the general slowdown in global economic growth that is widely expected, driven largely by what is happening in the US economy, still the world's largest.

The US slowdown, due to its domestic housing slump and the consequent impacts on American consumer spending, will permeate most economies as the US tends to be a dominant trade and investment partner to other economies, large or small.

Speakers pointed out, however, that the Philippines had become less and less linked with the US economy in recent years, but more and more with China. The latter has already dislodged America as our largest export buyer, taking up one fifth (20 percent) of our exports, against 16 percent for the US. In contrast, the US took 38 percent of our merchandise exports back in 1990, while China was a non-entity in our foreign trade then, taking less than one percent of our exports at the time.

This means that the US slowdown will have minimal effect on us. However, if China does slow down—and they have in fact been trying hard to do so in recent years, with no success so far—then the dampening effect on our economy would be stronger. We need to pray, in particular, that China would not hit the "hard landing" that many observers fear may be inevitable, citing the "law of gravity" (that is, what goes up must go down—and for China, it could mean crashing down!).

Domestic drivers

Still, the more important element in our economic outlook concerns what goes on within our own economy. This is where there are strong opportunities—which is what encourages the bulls among us—but along with them, persistent risks and threats—which drives the more bearish forecasts.

The bulls argue that our investment slump of recent years—something I have written much about lately—implies that there is nowhere to go but up on investment spending. Public investment has already led the way so far, with a 39.6-percent expansion in government construction, along with a 13.5-percent boost in government consumption spending, being entirely responsible for jacking up our growth beyond 7 percent from the more normal levels of 5-6 percent.

A well-regarded analyst (not one of the PES speakers), points to the large infrastructure investments lined up by the government over the next few years. She also cites numerous stockbrokerage reports of substantial investment intentions by listed companies—apparently spurred by the fact that companies are awash with cash after strong earnings in the past two years.

Risks and threats

The bears see the persistent risks and threats, along with our uninspiring track record on governance, as a dominating drag on our potential for accelerated growth. Worsening tax revenue performance this year in the face of dwindling assets for privatization puts to question the sustainability of the government-led growth we have seen of late. Add to that the drag on the private sector from drastic peso appreciation (i.e. leading to slower remittance-driven consumption, penalty on exports, etc.), perceptions of massive graft

NO FREE LUNCH/B8

BEST FOR COPY CENTERS • WE ACCEPT TRADE-IN •

RICOH
Aficio MP 1500
• Digital / 15 cpm
• Copy size 11" X 17"
DRUM GUARANTEED!!!
MIN. OF 80,000 COPIES (Scratch not included)

RICOH (29 ppm)
Aficio GX 3000
HEAVY DUTY
COMPUTER
PRINTER

RICOH (16 PPM)
Aficio SP 1000SF
• Printer • Fax
• Scanner • Copier
P19,950.00

Canon
IR-1022 **P39,950.00**
22 cpm
Digital Copier,
Duplex Printer
& Color Scanner
Computer Connectivity

MF-4150 P24,000.00
20 cpm
Mono laser printer, Copier,
Scanner and Fax
Computer Connectivity

CALL 722-8888 or TEXT (0927) 2501581 For Sales & Service

EMERGENCY LINES: • Mktg: 382-4063 • Acctg: 382-4530 • Service: 382-4256

ELITE
MACHINES, INC.
www.elitemachinesinc.com

HEAD OFFICE
1483 Golden Building,
E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Quezon City
(Beside KAMUNING BRIDGE)

CEBU
Esprit Building,
33 Gen. Maxilom Ave., Cebu City
Tel. (032) 2338711 to 18
Fax: (032) 2338718 or 25

AUTHORIZED DEALERS

GOLDSTAR
Door 2, Lue Bldg.,
Dyrrino Ave.,
Cebu City
Tel. (032) 2270321-23
Fax: (032) 2270321

GOLDSTAR
OFFICE MACHINES
AUTOMATION
CORPORATION
Cagayan De Oro City
(088) 857-8765,
857-6305

CA COPY
& COMPUTER SALES
Lucena City
Tel. (043) 875-4818
(043) 880-1407

AFICIOTECH
Angeles City
(045) 887-4027

PRIME MAKATI PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Pronove Tai & Associates and BancNet invite interested parties to bid for the following properties on CASH and "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" BASIS:

> 139 Corporate Center, Valero St. Salcedo Village, Makati CBD Unit 1901, 183.3 sq. m Php 11,048,800.00 (VAT Inclusive)	> Vernida IV, Levisto St. Salcedo Village, Makati CBD 10/F 462.52 sq.m Php 11,396,492.08 (VAT Inclusive)
--	---

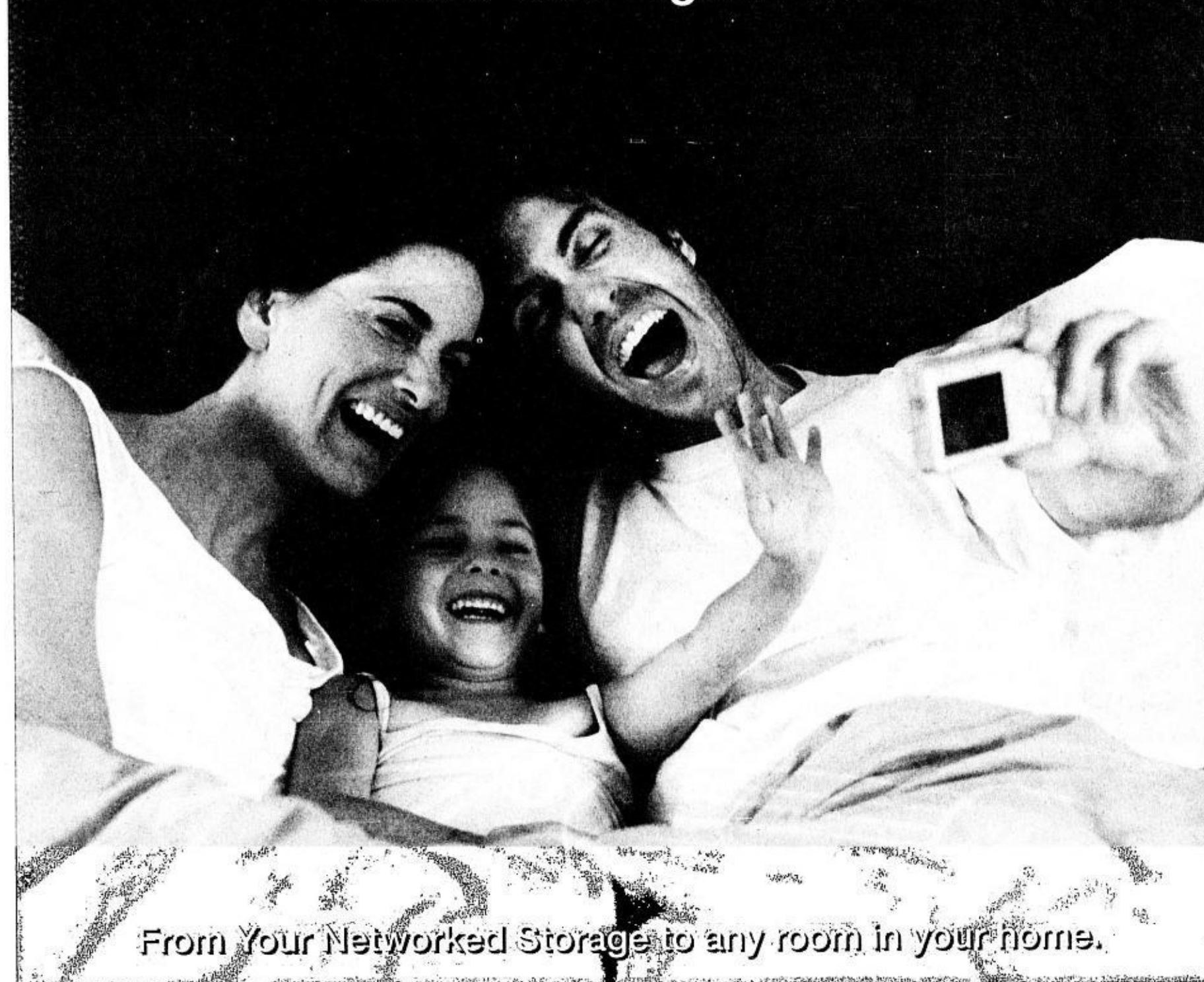
Please drop your sealed bid at the tender box clearly labeled "Makati Properties for Sale" located at the BancNet office reception, 19th Floor, Equitable Bank Tower, 8751 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

Your sealed bid should be in the tender box on or before 12:00 noon of 29 November 2007.

For inquiries, please call Kim Rosaldo or Monique Cornello- Pronove of Pronove Tai & Associates (Phils) Inc. at 02-7501127 or 28 / 0917-8460228 / 0917- 6425000.

Pronove Tai & Associates

Share Your Digital Life



From Your Networked Storage to any room in your home.

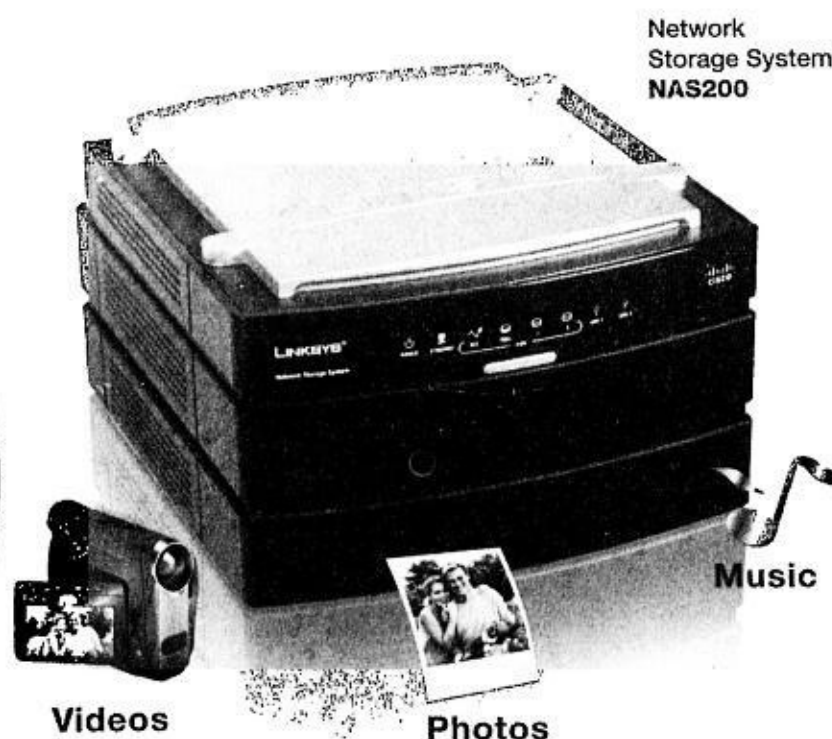
Enjoy
Linksys & Seagate:
**The Simple
Storage Solution**

Save up to
PHP 1840*

From 1 Sept to 31 Dec 2007

Check out more promotion details and T&Cs at
www.linksys.com/ph/nas200

*Terms and conditions apply.



Backup and Access Your Valuable Digital Content From Anywhere in the World!
www.linksys.com

Cisco Systems - Linksys (Asia) Pte Ltd (Co.Reg.No:200106033K)
Email: asiassupport@linksys.com

Authorized Distributors:

Ingram Micro +632.633.8902
Microwarehouse +632.637.0474 (Manila) +63.32.253.3358 (Cebu) +63.82.222.2192 (Davao)

LINKSYS®
A Division of Cisco Systems, Inc.

Peso tempers rise of gasoline prices

BSP still mindful of local currency's impact on exports

By Doris C. Dumlaog

THE SHARP APPRECIATION OF THE PESO—Asia's best performing currency this year—tempered the spike in local gasoline prices by about P2 from January to October, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

In a report the BSP recently presented to Malacañang, the estimates on the average savings for both diesel and unleaded gasoline were based on the peso's rise against the US dollar according to the weighted average of about 51 at the start of the year to 46.88 as of end-October.

In terms of closing rates, the local currency is presently trading at the 42-43 level. The report presented evidence on how an appreciating peso was helping the country withstand the inflationary impact of soaring global oil prices.

"A stronger peso helps dampen inflationary pressures," the BSP reported, pointing out that a one-peso gain against the US dollar translates to a 0.043-percentage point reduction in average inflation.

Based on the central bank's inflation-targeting simulations, a one-percent peso appreciation would slash inflation by about 0.14 percentage point. Since the start of the year, the local currency has rallied by over 14 percent.

Citing data from the Department of Energy, the BSP reported that average gasoline prices had risen from 35.75 per liter as of January to 42.45 per liter as of end-October, while the 10-month average stood at 39.18 per liter.

On the other hand, global oil prices have risen faster, based on Dubai prices, from an average of \$61.59 per barrel at the start of the year to \$87 per barrel at end-October. The 10-month average stood at \$79.41 per barrel.

Aside from cushioning the impact of runaway oil prices, the BSP cited the national government's interest savings from the peso appreciation. In 2006, the government trimmed its debt servicing by about P2.2 billion due to the peso's strength.

Last year's savings, the BSP said, would enable the government to build 5,867 new classrooms or 157.14 kilometers of asphalt roads or 4,536 linear meters of reinforced concrete bridges.

But the BSP also admitted that a strengthening peso is hurting exporters, the tourism sector and households being supported by overseas remittances.

"Mindful of the potential impact of a strong peso on the export sector, the BSP has undertaken measures to temper the appreciation pressure and maintain overall stability in the foreign exchange market," the report said.

Taiwan in dire need of RP sand, gravel

By Ronnel W. Domingo

TAIWAN IS EXPLORING POSSIBLE arrangements with the Philippines for the importation of sand and gravel as demand in that country continues to dramatically outpace its domestic supply.

Steve Ruey-Long Chen, Taiwan's minister of economic affairs, said on Friday he was in talks with government officials to secure supply, especially since the Philippines is the closest possible source of imports.

Taiwan has been suffering from a supply crunch since China imposed a ban on the export of aggregates for construction effective last March 1.

"Sand and gravel is one of our priority areas in relation to trade with the Philippines," Chen said. "We import 27 percent of the supply needed in our construction industry."

According to the Taiwan Government Information Office, the Public Construction Commission had activated a mechanism to ensure a steady supply of sand and gravel.

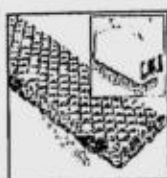
Taiwan GIO also said that Taipei has been encouraging imports from the Philippines to help relieve the shortage of gravel in the wake of the China ban.

Taipei has since extended aid to its construction firms in importing 3 million cubic meters of gravel from the Philippines to avert the shelving of projects.

As early as mid-2006, Taiwan has been exploring trade arrangements with the Philippines after China—which was then providing a third of Taiwan's sand and gravel imports—gave notice on the ban.

Back then, Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez had said Taiwan wanted to purchase up to \$250 million worth of sand and gravel yearly from the Philippines under an economic cooperation effort between Taipei and Manila.

BEDRIDDEN WITH BEDSORES?



FLYPAD

- Totally eliminates bedsores
- No need to turn patient as pad alternately inflates & deflates every 5 minutes
- Relieves pressure on patient's back
- Imported from U.S.A.

ALSO AVAILABLE: MEDICAL BED SORE PATCHES

FAR EAST MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

SM MEGAMALL 5th Fl., Bldg. A 635-0435	FOR INQUIRIES CALL OR TEXT 09228910322	SM NORTH EDSA Car Park Plaza 453-3326
SM FAIRVIEW Basement 418-7540		SM MALL OF ASIA 5th Fl., Bldg. A 556-0207

PHILIPPINE PAYROLL SOFTWARE

Get a FREE!!! Standalone Fingerprint T&A Device for every purchase of Payroll Pro Software

With Payroll Pro, you can save yourself the hassle of endless paperwork regarding employee pay, not to mention a web of employer's obligations, government reports such as SSS, alphabet, PHIC, W2 plus bank submissions for employee ATM accounts.

FREE!

- Standalone Fingerprint Device
- 512 Fingerprints Capacity
- With DTR Software

Payroll Pro is Fully Integrated with All Mustard Seed Time Keeping Devices

Payroll Pro is Fully Integrated with All Mustard Seed Time Keeping Devices

FOR SALES INQUIRIES CONTACT:
533-1562 | 533-3612 | 533-2989 | 533-8040
534-1520 | 533-4096 | 535-0787
sales@msseed.com

We create websites that really work!

We put your business online the right way, right away!

WEBTOGO
www.webtogo.com.ph

- ✓ Car Dealerships
- ✓ Gadgets and Computers
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Real Estates
- ✓ Travel and Tours
- ✓ Seminars and Exhibits
- ✓ Vacation Resorts
- ✓ Exporters

contact us b2b!
631-8154 / 914-0821
info@webtogo.com.ph

WE'LL FIX IT FAST!

Authorized wholesaler of Hewlett Packard peripheral products

CITIWORLD

Guaranteed 30 MINUTE SERVICE RESPONSE

Main Office: Lower Ground, David 1 Building, 567 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos.: 725-7031 / 724-5823 / 723-4894

The Nissan Frontier Navara

SOMEDAY, ALL PICKUPS WILL BE MADE THIS WAY.

It was the middle of this year when Universal Motors Corporation allowed a select few to take a sneak peek at the all-new Nissan Frontier Navara.

Never has the tag "all-new" been more appropriate; and never has the legendary pickup looked so good.

Reworked in a multitude of ways, the Navara is all that ever made the Frontier great. And — as we found out — a hell of a lot more.

BREAKING THE MOLD & RAISING THE BAR.

Call it the Tiger Woods of trucks — for like the celebrated golfer, the Navara is so far ahead of the curve, its arrival on the scene is not just the changing of the guard, it signals a change in the very nature of the game. Indeed, if you think you know all about pickups, think again.

TRUCK OUT BACK, SUV UP FRONT.

For a vehicle meant to do the crude, ugly jobs, the Navara comes with an incredible amount of style and refinement. It is a study in sturdiness and aerodynamics, with flared wheel arches, and crisp, smooth lines.

The new pickup's design theme is a departure from the Frontiers we know. With its integrated overfender and front

bumper, imposing grillwork, and hulking stance, the Navara's physique resembles that of its full-sized brother, the Nissan Titan. Sleeker and sexier, it now stands on 16-inch alloy wheels. Front foglamps come standard, as do chrome side mirror housings, and side step tubes.

A front independent suspension with coil springs coupled with longer rear leaf springs provide a smoother ride.

Inside, cabin comforts rival those of the best SUVs. The dash is trimmed in



a cabin clad in beige and brushed metal

handsome beige and a brushed metal-like finish. Seats are clad in beige leather (standard on 4x4 models), and you sit high up in a commanding position, with all controls



shift-on-the-fly well within reach. A shift-on-the-fly system allows you to engage 4WD from 2WD with the simple turn of a dial, all without having to stop.

The new pickup's design theme is a departure from the Frontiers we know. With its integrated overfender and front



illuminated ignition switch

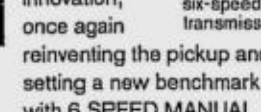
Other conveniences abound, like the illuminated ignition switch (no more fumbling in the dark) and the assortment of bins, holders and cubby-holes for everything from maps to water bottles.

It is enough to prompt critics to call the Navara "the closest thing a truck comes to a proper car."

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEING FIRST AND ONLY.

Excellence is part of the Navara's pedigree. The Nissan Frontier is the first and only truck line to hold the Number One spot (based on number of units sold) for four consecutive years.

The Navara keeps the Frontier tradition of innovation, once again reinventing the pickup and setting a new benchmark with 6 SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION. Unheard of in pickups, the new innovation promises enhanced performance and better fuel efficiency.



six-speed manual transmission

It doesn't end there. When it comes to firsts, Nissan seems to have pulled out all the stops.

Consider these: THE LARGEST FUEL TANK CAPACITY (80L, perfect for long journeys into the rough) and the first to offer standard BRAKE ASSIST for sure footing during stops. The Frontier is also the only pickup to use a



ladder frame with 8 cross members

LADDER TYPE FRAME WITH 8 CROSS MEMBERS for added rigidity and strength to handle heavy duty cargo, and to limit body roll.

MORE ROOM!

The new Navara is a massive 5,230mm long. Its cockpit area is thus larger, and built to more car-like dimensions, providing a better driving experience and a more comfortable ride for passengers in the rear.

Most of the wheelbase increase pushes the rear wheels further backwards, and the payoff is that the Navara has a wider, deeper bed, giving you a larger load area.

MOST POWER!

Hauling all that load is the work of a YD25DDTi 2nd Generation Common Rail

Turbo Intercooler Diesel Engine — the most powerful one around — pumping out 174 HORSEPOWER RATING AND 403 Nm OF TORQUE for 4WD, THE MOST IN ITS CLASS. That's more than enough to climb muddy inclines or tow a trailerful of goods. All with minimal emissions and engine vibration.

SAFETY ZONE.

The Navara's construction conforms to Nissan's patented ZONE BODY CONCEPT, with designated crumple zones to absorb the energy of an



ABS, Load Sensing Valve & Electronic Brakeforce Distribution

impact, and a rigid safety zone to shelter occupants from harm.

The cabin space features 2 SRS FRONT AIRBAGS, side impact beams to guard against broadside crashes, and 3-point front and rear seatbelts. Safeguarding driver control on and

off-road, a Limited Slip Differential (standard on 4x4 models) reassigns power to the wheels with greatest traction. ABS prevents wheel lock during sudden stops, and ELECTRONIC BRAKEFORCE DISTRIBUTION balances braking power between the truck's front and rear end —



ABS, Load Sensing Valve & Electronic Brakeforce Distribution

vital help, especially with a fully loaded bed. A 3rd brake lamp provides early warning to following cars.

THE NEXT FRONTIER FOR PICKUPS.

There is, perhaps, no pickup out there that packs more innovation per square inch than the new Frontier Navara. This here, is one giant leap for truck kind. And as is always the case with pickups of the Frontier lineage, it won't be long before the rest of truckdom follows suit.

THE RULES REWRITTEN: Navara's class leading stats

- First with 6 speed MT
- Most Horsepower and Torque at 174 Ps and 403 Nm
- Longer wheelbase for more bed and cabin room
- Unique 8 member ladder frame for more strength
- Largest fuel tank in its class at 80L

Distributed by Universal Motors Corporation. Available in 4x4 and 4x2, with 6-speed M/T or 5-speed A/T.

The Frontier Navara. Arriving December 03, 2007.



Reserve your Navara now.

Text NAVARA + your name, address, contact number and inquiry to 0918-8NISSAN or visit the Nissan dealer nearest you.

STARAUCTION PART 3

MINDANAO PROPERTIES

CAGAYAN DE ORO
Text 09217388885

SAM_CDO 212 RSD LOT
LA 2,284 sqm
BO. PUNTO
Min. Bid Price: P342,600

SAM_CDO 216 RSD LOT
LA 413 sqm
Ramonita Velez St.
APOVEL SUBD., Bulua District
Min. Bid Price: P935,000

SAM_CDO220 RSD LOT
BRGY. CARMEN
(near NIA Office)
Lot Area Min. Bid Price
600 sqm. P 268,778
1,409 sqm. P 901,752

SAM_CDO221 AGRI LOT
LA 28,907 sqm
(near Women's Dev't Center)
BRGY. CANITO-AN
Min. Bid Price: P3,685,643

SAM_CDO225 RSD LOT
LA 500 sqm
(Inside Agapi drive Subd.)
Tibasak, MACASANDIG
Min. Bid Price: P625,000

SAM_CDO227 COMM'L LOT
LA 442 sqm
(adjacent to Xavier Univ.)
HAYES ST. POBLACION
Min. Bid Price: P4,525,717

SAM_CDO228 COMM'L LOT
LA 349 sqm
(Near Faith Tabernacle Church)
Lot Area Min. Bid Price
349 sqm. P 1,794,000
618 sqm. P 3,177,000

SAM_CDO231 AGRI LOT
LA 47,975 sqm
(near Calanica Elem. Sch.)
Calinaco, SINONOP DIST.
Min. Bid Price: P4,077,875

SAM_CDO232 RSD LOT
LA 1,021 sqm
(Inside Villa Ernesto Subd.)
VILLA ERNESTO SUBD.
Phase 2, Gusa
Min. Bid Price: P706,503

SAM_CDO233 RSD LOT
LA 27,929 sqm
(near Bulabal Elem. Sch.)
BALUBAL
Min. Bid Price: P4,747,930

SAM_CDO235 RSD LOT
LA 2,338 sqm
(w/ 2str. H&L & single stry. H&L)
Super Highway, KAUSWAGAN
Min. Bid Price: P4,089,272

SAM_CDO237 2-STRY H&L
LA 1,662 sqm FA 173 sqm
(across the property of Oro Rama Mega Center)
LAPASAN
Min. Bid Price: P8,310,000

COMPOSTELA VALLEY
Text 09198209662

SAM_CMP240 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,204 sqm FA 505 sqm
(near Rural Bank)
Judge E. Chavez St.,
POB. NABUNTURAN
Min. Bid Price: P2,311,495

SAM_CMP241 RSD BLDG.
LA 300 sqm
Malasugan-Panag Rd.
Brgy. Pangay
Bo. Katipunan, NEW BATAAN
Min. Bid Price: P255,000

SAM_CMP244 RSD LOT
LA 7,727 sqm
Penaranda cor. Gen. Ebuon Sts.
POBLACION MONYAKO
Min. Bid Price: P16,419,875

DAVAO
Text 09198209662

SAM_DAV 251 AGRI LOT
LA 39,366 sqm
(near San Agustin Chapel)
Sito Ramihan, TORIL
Min. Bid Price: P13,089,195

SAM_DAV252 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,334 sqm
(near Philipinas Ave.)
Zamboanga cor. Samal Sts.
INSULAR VILL., PI, Buhangin
Min. Bid Price: P7,683,224

SAM_DAV255 RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL LOT
LA 157 sqm (near University of Immaculate Conception)
Bonifacio St., STA. ANA DIST.
Min. Bid Price: P2,402,100

SAM_DAV256 RSD LOT
LA 300,000 sqm
Brgy. Balok DIST. OF TALOMO
Min. Bid Price: P53,638,053

SAM_DAV257 RSD LOT
LA 90,473 sqm
(near Davao Holy Trinity)
Brgy. Road, BRGY. BAGO GALLERA
Min. Bid Price: P30,081,750

SAM_DAV258 IND'L LOT W/ HSE
LA 18,823 sqm FA 122 sqm
National Highway, Bago Aplaya,
DUMCOY, Toril
Min. Bid Price: P31,999,100

SAM_DAV261 VARIOUS COMM'L BLDG
LA 6,760 sqm FA 3,944 sqm
(near Ecoland Subd.)
QUIMPO BOULEVARD, Matina
Min. Bid Price: P60,000,000

SAM_DAV263 HOUSE & LOT
LA 500 sqm
Diamond St. MACILLA SUBD.
Brgy. Ma-a Talomo
Min. Bid Price: P1,062,500

SAM_DAV280 RSD LOT
LA 1,000 sqm
BO. PAMPANGA
Min. Bid Price: P2,375,000

SAM_DAV281 2 STRY HSE & LOT
LA 894 sqm FA 90 sqm
(right behind Farmacia Sta. Ana, Matina)
STO. NINO COMMUNITY,
Brgy. Matina
Min. Bid Price: P2,207,000

SAM_DAV285 AGRI LOT
LA 16,417 sqm
Upper Piedad, TORIL DIST.
Min. Bid Price: P14,000,350

SAM_DAV286 RSD LOT
LA 2,562 sqm
(near Philipinas Subd.)
San Vicente, PANABO
Min. Bid Price: P640,000

SAM_DAV291 HOUSE & LOT
LA 806 sqm FA 216 sqm
Near Poblacion Brgy. Hall
ELPIDIO QUIRINO AVE.
Brgy.4 Pob. Dist.
Min. Bid Price: P8,060,000

SAM_DAV292 RSD LOT
LA 4,000 sqm
NAT'L HIGHWAY, Bago
Min. Bid Price: P11,775,056

SAM_DAV294 AGRI LOT
LA 16,044 sqm (near NIA Rd)
Brgy. Del Pilar, NEW CORELLA
Min. Bid Price: P1,943,330

SAM_DAV296 2-STRY HSE & LOT
LA 600 sqm FA 81 sqm
(near Alliance Learning Center)
Brgy. Road, Poblacion,
NEW CORELLA
Min. Bid Price: P450,000

SAM_DAV298 HOUSE & LOT
LA 14,214 sqm FA 360 sqm
(along MATI Nat'l Highway)
BRGY. BAGUMBAYAN, Lupon
Min. Bid Price: P1,819,246

SAM_DAV299 IND'L LOT
LA 94,687 sqm
Davao - Agusan Nat'l. Road
Brgy. Mahayahay,
BUNAWAN DIST.
Min. Bid Price: P224,881,625

GENERAL SANTOS
Text 09267666746

SAM_GSC314 COMM'L LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
LA 7,501 sqm FA 4,697 sqm
(BESIDE China Bank)
SANTIAGO BOULEVARD,
Barrio Lagoa
Min. Bid Price: P96,759,750

SAM_GSC316 AGRI LOT
LA 18,369 sqm
(Near Tinagcan Proposed Market Site)
BARRIO TINAGCAN
Min. Bid Price: P2,351,044

SAM_GSC318 RSD LOT
LA 1,470 sqm (w/ Roca Subd.)
BRGY. APUPONG
Min. Bid Price: P624,750

SAM_GSC320 IND'L LOT
LA 30,997 sqm
(near former MSU Rd)
BARRIO TAMBLER
Min. Bid Price: P9,918,245

SAM_GSC321 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,034 sqm FA 246 sqm
(Near Cambridge Hotel and Restaurant)
MANANSALA SUBD.,
Brgy. San Isidro
Min. Bid Price: P3,241,828

SAM_GSC322 RSD LOT
LA 360 sqm
(back of Horizon Tin Can)
DOM GABRIEL SUBD.
Bo. of Tumbler
Min. Bid Price: P306,000

SAM_GSC326 IND'L LOT
LA 10,304 sqm
BO. OF TAMBLER (MCU Rd.)
Min. Bid Price: P2,189,600

SAM_GSC331 RSD LOT
LA 5,000 sqm
(near Monsanto Hybrid Farm)
Brgy. Rd. Purok 18, LAGAO
Min. Bid Price: P4,250,000

SAM_GSC332 HOUSE & LOT
LA 598 sqm FA 103 sqm
Bluefin cor. Goldfish Sts.
ESPINA SUBD.
Purok Mauswagon,
Brgy. Labangal (near SSS)
Min. Bid Price: P849,086

SAM_GSC334 RSD LOT
LA 749 sqm
(near Pacheco Subd.)
AQUINO SUBD., Purok
Kaularan, Brgy. San Isidro
Min. Bid Price: P636,650

SAM_GSC336 RSD LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
LA 603 sqm FA 78 sqm
Pili Corner J.P. LAUREL ST.
Min. Bid Price: P1,537,650

SAM_GSC339 COMM'L LOT
LA 778 sqm
(Fronting former Bayfront Noodle House)
P. Acharon Blvd. cor. Salazar & Veterans Sts., BRGY.
DADIANGAS SOUTH,
Min. Bid Price: P11,242,100

SAM_GSC341 COMM'L LOT
LA 1,109 sqm
CALUMPANG AVE., Calumpang
Min. Bid Price: P4,092,559

SAM_GSC343 AGRI LOT
LA 20,293 sqm
Packing One, SLAUGHTER HOUSE RD.
Min. Bid Price: P1,638,660

SAM_GSC344 RSD LOT
LA 694 sqm
(near Gen. San Cockpit Arena)
National Highway,
BO. OF APUPONG
Min. Bid Price: P616,446

SAM_GSC345 HOUSE & LOT
LA 389 sqm FA 161 sqm
(near Notre Dame College)
Balagtas St., BO. DADIANGAS
Min. Bid Price: P1,098,169

SAM_GSC346 HOUSE & LOT
LA 425 sqm
Dalandan St.,
w/ DADIANGAS HTS.
Min. Bid Price: P707,783

SAM_GSC348 HOUSE & LOT
LA 451 sqm FA 248 sqm
(meters away from Desmark Motors) ROXAS ST. (near SSS)
Min. Bid Price: P6,926,805

SAM_GSC350 RSD LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
LA 3,303 sqm FA 830 sqm
(near Medoz Pension Jazz House)
MORALES SUBD., Bo. Lagoa
Min. Bid Price: P3,931,576

SAM_GSC351 HOUSE & LOT
LA 645 sqm FA 194 sqm
ROSAS ST.
Min. Bid Price: P2,630,431

SAM_GSC352 HOUSE & LOT
LA 476 sqm FA 122 sqm
(near Alpinhe Subd.)
AVILA SUBD. Brgy. San Isidro,
Lagao
Min. Bid Price: P 609,231

SAM_GSC353 AGRI LOT
LA 76,229 sqm
(Near St. Peter Chapel)
Lanton. BO. OF SINAWAL
Min. Bid Price: P9,756,530

SAM_GSC355 IND'L LOT
LA 19,663 sqm
(near MGTK Fishing Industry)
BO. OF TAMBLER
Min. Bid Price: P7,186,827

SAM_GSC356 HOUSE & LOT
LA 598 sqm FA 220 sqm
(near Eduard Coccolum)
Purok San Vicente ESPINA,
Min. Bid Price: P765,379

SAM_GSC358 IND'L LOT
LA 20,000 sqm
BO. OF TAMBLER
Min. Bid Price: P4,250,000

SAM_GSC359 RSD LOT
LA 400 sqm
(Near Holy Cross Parish)
CATAPANG HTS. SUBD.
Brgy. Calumpang
Min. Bid Price: P4,000,000

SAM_GSC361 HOUSE & LOT
LA 302 sqm FA 70 sqm
Mangustan St., BRGY.
DADIANGAS NORTH,
Min. Bid Price: P1,159,587

SAM_GSC366 RSD APRTMENT
LA 199 sqm FA 123 sqm
PURIK BAGOING SILANG
Labangal
Min. Bid Price: P422,875

SAM_GSC367 WHOLE SUBD. W/O DEVELOPMENT
LA 170,716 sqm
SERRAMAR EXEC. HOMES,
Conel Rd., Lagoa
(near w/ Brgy. Makar)
Min. Bid Price: P68,754,754

SAM_GSC370 HOUSE & LOT
LA 604 sqm FA 272 sqm
Mangustan Street,
BRGY. DADIANGAS NORTH
Min. Bid Price: P1,788,128

SAM_GSC373 AGRI LOT
LA 11,694 sqm
(Near Shrineville Subd.)
Farm Road, BRGY. LAGAO
Min. Bid Price: P2,981,970

SAM_GSC466 IND'L LOT
LA 16,248 sqm
NAT'L HIGHWAY CALUMPANG,
Brgy. Makar
Min. Bid Price: P41,883,560

SAM_GSC467 IND'L LOT
LA 13,544 sqm
Makar-Siguli Rd.,
New Bohol, CALUMPANG
Min. Bid Price: P18,650,088

SAM_GSC468 COMM'L LOT
LA 206,346 sqm
Bo. Lamcanal, MALANDAG
Min. Bid Price: P7,639,163

KIDAPAWAN
Text 09157470332

SAM_KID374 AGRI LOT
LA 12,474 sqm
BRGY. PACO Kidapawan
Min. Bid Price: P1,060,290

MISAMIS
Text 09217388885

SAM_MIS469 HOUSE & LOT
LA 11,378 sqm FA 238 sqm
ALUBIJID, Misamis Oriental
Min. Bid Price: P1,934,260

NORTH COTABATO
Text 09157470332

SAM_NCT376 AGRI LOT
LA 49,538 sqm
National Rd., Brgy. Manubuan,
MATALAM
Min. Bid Price: P3,633,750

SAM_NCT377 RSD LOT W/ PIGGERY
LA 15,000 sqm FA 1,320 sqm
Brgy. Katiduan, KABABACAN
Min. Bid Price: P2,550,000

SOUTH COTABATO
Text 09157470332

SAM_SCT378 IND'L LOT W/ MOTORPOOL
LA 3,000 sqm FA 330 sqm
LICITAS VILLAGE, Carney Rd.,
Polomok
(near Tropland Pawnshop)
Min. Bid Price: P2,550,000

SAM_SCT380 RSD LOT
LA 1,064 sqm
(near Sto. Nino Parish)
M. ROXAS BLVD. EXT.,
Poblacion, Sto. Nino
Min. Bid Price: P904,400

SAM_SCT381 AGRI LOT
LA 8,640 sqm
STO. NINO
Min. Bid Price: P1,468,800

SAM_SCT382 RSD LOT
LA 13,477 sqm
(near Sto. Nino Nat'l Town Hall) POB. STO. NINO
Min. Bid Price: P5,727,725

SAM_SCT383 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,651 sqm FA 278 sqm
Bonifacio St., POB. NORALA
Min. Bid Price: P776,811

SAM_SCT384 HOUSE & LOT
LA 22,687 sqm FA 176 sqm
(near Bonzo Ricemill)
Bo. Simsiman, POBLACION NORALA
Min. Bid Price: P9,641,975

SAM_SCT385 HOUSE & LOT
LA 340 sqm FA 145 sqm
POBLACION NORALA
Min. Bid Price: P319,946

SAM_SCT386 RSD LOT W/ WAREHOUSE
LA 2,581 sqm
POBLACION STO. NINO
Min. Bid Price: P2,193,850

SAM_SCT387 HOUSE & LOT
LA 798 sqm
Rosal St. Brgy. POB. SURALLAH
Min. Bid Price: P 789,697

SAM_SCT470 RSD LOT
Barrio 8, KORONADAL
Lot Area Min. Bid Price
2,128 sqm. P 904,400
2,701 sqm. P 1,377,425

SAM_SCT472 HOUSE & LOT
LA 409 sqm FA 101 sqm
(near Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital) H. DEPTA SUBD.,
Koronadal
Min. Bid Price: P521,475

SAM_SCT473 RSD LOT
LA 3,241 sqm
Barrio 8, KORONADAL
Min. Bid Price: P1,377,425

SAM_SCT474 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,073 sqm FA 170 sqm
PUROK SAMPAGUITA
Pob. Sto. Nino
Min. Bid Price: P4,560,250

SULTAN KUDARAT
Text 09157470332

SAM_SUL397 RSD LOT
LA 2,642 sqm
(near Metrobank)
BO. DANSULI, Isulan
Min. Bid Price: P2,245,700

SAM_SUL399 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,000 sqm FA 107 sqm
Buencamino cor. Tlongco Sts.
BO. KALWAG 1, Isulan
Min. Bid Price: P1,279,897

SAM_SUL400 2-STRY COMM'L BLDG.
LA 750 sqm FA 533 sqm
QUIRINO AVE., Poblacion,
Tacingur City
Min. Bid Price: P4,799,615

SAM_SUL401 HOUSE & LOT
LA 607 sqm
Molave cor. Flores Sts.
(near Esperanza Mun. High Sch.)
Lot Area Fir Area Min Bid Price
423sqm 370sqm P1,797,750
405sqm 163sqm P3,442,500

SAM_SUL402 AGRI LOT
LA 10,161 sqm (infront of Esperanza High Sch.)
Molave Ext., POBLACION,
Esperanza
Min. Bid Price: P1,300,504

SAM_SUL403 RSD BLDG
LA 607 sqm FA 114 sqm
Dona Sts. POB. ESPERANZA
Min. Bid Price: P948,404

SAM_SUL406 HOUSE & LOT
LA 494 sqm FA 148 sqm
(near ROCC Isulan)
Along Municipal Rd.,
KALAWAG III, Isulan,
Min. Bid Price: P4,199,000

TAGUM
Text 09267666746

SAM_TGM411 AGRI LOT
LA 4,328 sqm (Near Univ. of Southeastern Phil.)
Brgy. Apokon, PUROK V
Min. Bid Price: P1,839,400

SAM_TGM415 IND'L LOT
LA 6,000 sqm (Near San Vicente Ferrer Chapel)
APOKON
Min. Bid Price: P3,876,000

SAM_TGM423 RSD BLDG.
LA 225 sqm FA 172 sqm
(Near Queen of Apostles Seminary)
Prk. Sampaguita Rd. 1,
MAGUPO WEST
Min. Bid Price: P478,125

SAM_TGM428 AGRI RICEMILL
LA 1,757 sqm
PUROK PAG-ASA,
Pagabangan,
Min. Bid Price: P1,493,450

SAM_TGM431 AGRI RAW LAND
LA 23,441 sqm
(near UMTagum Coll.)
VISAYAN VILLAGE
Min. Bid Price: P6,973,698

SAM_TGM426 HOUSE & LOT
LA 1,000 sqm
MEL VILLAGE,
Brgy. Visayan Village
Min. Bid Price: P2,287,177

SAM_TGM437 COMM'L LOT
Quirante II St. PRK.
LAPU-LAPU, Maguipo
(near JVC back of JS Galsano)
Lot Area Min. Bid Price
1,646 sqm. P 6,995,500
3,001 sqm. P 25,508,500

SAM_TGM439 RSD LOT
LA 450 sqm
(Near Methodist Church)
PAGSABANGAN
Min. Bid Price: P573,750

SAM_TGM440 RSD LOT
LA 3,000 sqm
(New Life Ministries Chapel)
PUROK ORANGE VALLEY,
Maguipo South,
Min. Bid Price: P6,375,000

SAM_TGM449 RSD LOT
LA 556 sqm (meters away from Dalisay Gante Rd.)
PUROK VIPATIL
Min. Bid Price: P378,080

SAM_TGM450 RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL BLDG
LA 379 sqm FA 514 sqm
SOBRECAREY ST.
Min. Bid Price: P4,850,811

SAM_TGM455 HOUSE & LOT
LA 7,456 sqm FA 106 sqm
(near YBC Store)
DOMINGO SUBD., Maguipo
Poblacion,
Min. Bid Price: P6,337,600

SAM_TGM456 AGRI LOT
LA 3,827 sqm
(Near Nichols Homes Subd.)
PUROK ABACA, Brgy. Mankilam
Min. Bid Price: P1,301,180

SAM_TGM460 RSD LOT
LA 477 sqm
(near DANECO Office)
Briz District, MAGUPO EAST,
Min. Bid Price: P1,013,625

SAM_TGM463 RSD LOT
LA 300 sqm
(near Magsanoc Vill.)
PUROK ABACA, Brgy. Mankilam
Min. Bid Price: P382,500

SAM_TGM464 RSD LOT
LA 250 sqm
(Near Phil. Benvolent Missionary)
SENAGOTE VILL., Maguipo
East
Min. Bid Price: P531,250

SAM_TGM470 COMM'L BLDG
LA 18,830 sqm FA 2,117 sqm
(near First Consolidated Bank)
PAGSABANGAN RD.,
Brgy. Mankilam
Min. Bid Price: P21,479,366

SAM_TGM476 HOUSE & LOT
LA 607 sqm FA 315 sqm
(near Visayan Elem. Sch.)
Purok Palmera, VISAYAN VILL.
Min. Bid Price: P1,213,343

SAM_TGM477 HOUSE & LOT
Purok Palmera,
VISAYAN VILLAGE
(near Visayan Elem. Sch.)
Lot Area Fir Area Min. Bid Price
750sqm 400sqm P 1,593,750
1,066sqm 192sqm P 2,265,250
1,406sqm 400sqm P 2,987,750

SAM_TGM481 RSD LOT
VISAYAN VILLAGE
(near Visayan Elem. Sch.)
Lot Area Min. Bid Price
4,500 sqm P 9,562,500
1,236 sqm P 2,626,500
1,512 sqm P 3,213,000
1,648sqm P 3,502,000
2,338 sqm P 4,968,250
7,014sqm P 5,961,900

SAM_TGM482 AGRI LOT
LA 12,580 sqm
(near Claudio Inse, Sicut Cockpit Arena) BRGY. CANOCOTAN
Min. Bid Price: P2,138,600

SAM_TGM484 RSD LOT
LA 400 sqm (meters away from Christ the King Chapel)
Suaybagulo Road,
BRGY. LA FORTUNA,
Min. Bid Price: P409,567

SAM_TGM492 RSD LOT
LA 2,119 sqm
Purok Malinauan,
MAGUPO EAST,
Min. Bid Price: P4,502,875

SAM_TGM493 AGRI LOT
LA 62,900 sqm
BRGY. CANOCOTAN, San Isidro
(near Sicut Cockpit Arena)
Min. Bid Price: P21,386,000

SAM_TGM495 12 RSD LOTS
LA 15,610 sqm
Purok Cacao,
VISAYAN VILLAGE
Min. Bid Price: P6,634,250

SAM_TGM497 RSD LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
LA 24,022 sqm FA 1,062 sqm
Tagum-Kapalong, Provincial Rd.,
BRGY. PAGSABANGAN
Min. Bid Price: P20,418,700

Narra Nickel bags 4 supply deals

Long-term contracts eyed

By Ronnel W. Domingo

CANADIAN MINING FIRM MBMI Resources Inc. said its Philippine unit, Narra Nickel, has firmed up four supply deals with buyers from China, Australia and Japan for ores coming from its Alpha project in Palawan.

The announcement follows a statement in June on the start of shipments to buyers in South Korea and China.

Michael T. Manson, MBMI president and director, said in a statement posted on the firm's website that the sales agreements covered supplies of materials with nickel content ranging from 1.5 percent to 2.3 percent.

Manson said Sinosteel Raw Materials Co., a unit of one of the largest steel companies in China, agreed to buy a shipment of between 35,000 and 40,000 dry metric tons of ore with at least 1.8 percent nickel and 17 percent iron content.

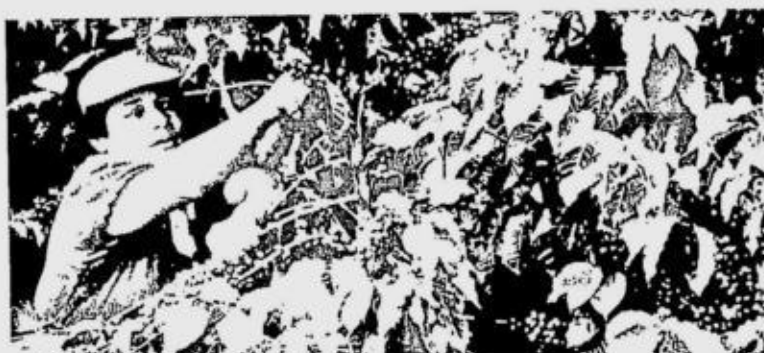
A second deal is struck with BHP's QNI group for the same volume but with grades of at least 1.6 percent nickel and 20 percent iron, to be used in the latter's plant in Queensland, Australia.

A third contract was with Hubei Jin Hui of China for the same volume but with grades of more than 1.7 percent nickel and more than 17 percent iron.

The fourth deal was with Nippon Yakin Kogyo Co. Ltd. through Mitsui & Co. Ltd. of Japan for 6,000 to 8,000 DMT of ore with more than 2.3 percent nickel and less than 12 percent iron.

Manson said the supply for Sinosteel Raw Materials was being prepared for shipment and that the buyer was securing the carrying vessel.

Also, representatives of Nippon Yakin and Mitsui have visited Palawan and are evaluating the samples of materials being prepared for shipment in the stockpile area.



THE SAI platform aims to improve the quality, safety and nutritional value of agricultural products.

Sustainable agriculture programs gain ground

THE PROMOTION OF Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) by leading food and beverage gains momentum as more companies adopt the system in their production processes.

In a follow-up meeting to last year's First Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform-Philippine Convention, officials of Delfi Foods Inc., Golden Arches Development Corp., Unilever Phils. and Universal Robina Corp. reported they were now implementing SAI-related programs.

Nestlé Philippines Inc. has its Nestlé Experimental and Demonstration Farm, Unilever has its Clean Water campaign, and Coca-Cola, its PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate, a recyclable material) bottle program.

During the meeting, participants agreed to implement awareness program among their respective employees and partner companies.

The campaign will include the compilation for distribution of the best practices and success stories of the participating companies.

In the meantime, the group plans to gather at least 15 more companies to put SAI objectives into practice. Participants agreed to bring representatives from three of their partner companies in their meeting with the Department of Agriculture in November with an end in view of encouraging them to join the SAI's cause.

SAI is a groundbreaking platform created by food industry giants Nestlé, Danone and Unilever to actively support and promote sustainable agriculture. It encompasses social, environmental and economic dimensions that will have impact on the people's lives.

The SAI platform aims to improve the quality, safety and nutritional value of agricultural products through concrete ways of increasing the products' nutritional content and reducing the risks of harmful residues. It also addresses relevant issues such as improving the farmers' productivity and income through livelihood programs, and conservation of soil, water and power.

DA seeks help of LGUs

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS seeking the help of other agencies and local government units in efforts to sustain a rosy farm growth in 2008.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said that climate change and possible supply shortfalls might jack up prices of rice and corn next year.

Yap would be meeting with LGUs and other farm sector stakeholders to craft intervention measures to prevent sharp increases in the prices of these commodities.

He said these measures were similar to those implemented in recent months to offset crop production losses in several Luzon provinces buffeted by the dry spell.

Despite the prolonged dry spell in the middle of the year, Philippine agriculture managed to grow 4.3 percent in the first nine months, owing in part to the quick turnaround program.

Such "timely measures" were meant to boost yields in the nonaffected farms of the Visayas and Mindanao and contain the adverse impact of the prolonged dryspell, Yap said.

For the rest of the year until 2008, the DA said it would continue implementing "interventions" such as the provision of rice seeds to farmers.

The DA is also spearheading an information campaign on the latest rice production technologies and is coordinating with local governments and the private sector in

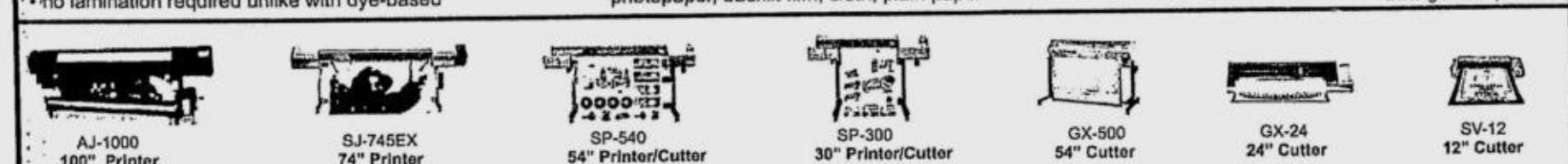
DA SEEKS/BB

Panalo ka sa kakaibang SIGN MAKING



Roland Soljet Pro II delivers superb graphics fast, your customers will keep coming back!

- prints up to 900sqft/hr at 360 dpi—a billboard every 2-hour
- 1,440 dpi resolution makes it ideal for indoor ads
- no lamination required unlike with dye-based
- X4 solvent ink costs 80% less than dye
- prints on low-cost media — tarpaulin, vinyl sticker, photopaper, backlit film, cloth, plain paper



Roland The No. 1 Choice of Signmakers around the World!

Auction conducted by
Noli "El Subastayero" Alfara
noli@yaho.com



Tax leaks cost gov't P107B in '06

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT, STILL hard-pressed in its effort to wipe out the budget deficit, lost close to P107 billion in potential revenues in 2006 alone due to income tax leakages.

This was according to the research and information office of the Department of Finance, which estimated that the government collected only P321.21 billion last year out of a potential income tax take of P428.19 billion.

The potential income tax collection was based on the number of supposed taxpayers and their estimated income.

BIR's tax collection woes said to be far from being resolved

Of the total income tax collection last year, those remitted by employed individuals amounted to P105.887 billion. This marked an P11.54-billion shortfall from the potential collection of P117.43 billion.

Income tax collected from self-employed individuals reached P19.72 billion—lower by P13.31 billion from the potential collection of P33.03 billion.

The largest source of income tax leakages was the corporate taxpayers sector, which remit-

ted P195.6 billion in income tax, or P81.96-billion short of the potential P277.56 billion.

According to finance officials, the huge leakages in tax collection is proof that there is still a large room for improvement in the way the Bureau of Internal Revenue has been collecting taxes. They pointed out the weaknesses of the BIR and dishonesty of taxpayers.

The BIR has since started to update its taxpayers' database and stepped up its tax audits.

The recently implemented Tax Amnesty law requires delinquent taxpayers to come forward in order to clean their statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALNs). The objective is to help the BIR improve its taxpayers' database by including formerly unregistered income earners.

With the amnesty set to lapse on March 5 next year, those who qualify for the amnesty will be immune from prosecution in relation to their tax delinquency.

The BIR's tax collection woes is far from being resolved, as shortfalls are still expected this year.

Galoc fuels Otto's working capital

By Abigail L. Ho

AUSTRALIA'S OTTO ENERGY LTD. HOPES to earn net revenues of between \$30 million and \$45 million from the Galoc oil field in 2008—enough to bolster its working capital requirements in the next few years.

Otto chief executive Alex Parks said the company's "conservative" estimate of its share from the Galoc proceeds in 2008 would be around \$30 million, in line with the research assumptions of financial services firm Euroz.

This figure was based on an average oil price of around \$60 a barrel, he said.

"On current oil prices, Otto's net revenue in 2008 [from the Galoc proceeds alone] could be as much as \$45 million," Parks said. "In addition, the funds from the cash bonds will also be released during this period, giving us up to \$60 million in working capital."

The Otto official also said that the firm could expect to generate similar revenue in 2009.

In 2010, "we expect revenues to drop off a little, unless a further development well is added to the field," Parks added. "So we have a reasonable cash flow profile going forward."

He also said that the company's cash flow and future working capital requirements would be supplemented by proceeds from expected gas production in Turkey starting late 2008 or early 2009, and possible production from the Calaut oil field in the Northwest Palawan Basin in 2009.

Otto is expected to join the list of stakeholders in Service Contract 14C, which covers the Galoc petroleum field, by Dec. 14 when it completes its acquisition of Team Oil Ltd. and Cape Energy Philippines SA.

Cape Philippines and Team Oil each owned 15.69 percent of SC 14C operator Galoc Production Co. (GPC), with a subsidiary of the Vitol Group owning the remaining 68.62 percent.

The shares of Cape Philippines and Team Oil combined would effectively give Otto an 18.28-percent share in the service contract.

GPC owns 58.29 percent of SC 14C. Australian firm Nido Petroleum Ltd. is the second biggest shareholder with a 22.28-percent stake.

Payment for the SC 14C stake will come from a two-tranche shares placement worth A\$67.8 million (US\$61.2 million).

PHILAM LIFE		
Investment Funds		
	Net Asset Value Per Unit (NAVPU)	
	as of 11/01/07	as of 11/15/07
Philamlife Equity Fund	1.9636	1.9338
Philamlife Fixed Income Fund	1.3323	1.3308
Philamlife Balanced Fund	1.0282	1.0174
Philamlife Dollar Bond Fund	1.3797	1.3777
Philamlife Global Bond Fund	1.2131	1.2111

For more details please call (02) 528-2028 or go to www.philamlife.com

Fund prices are net of transaction costs. These investment funds are specific for variable life insurance contracts and are not considered mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Our investment management services relate to a variety of investments, each of which can fluctuate in value. The value of portfolios we manage may fall as well as rise, and the investor may not get back the full amount originally invested. The investment value may vary between different types of investments. For example, for investments involving exposure to a currency other than that in which the portfolio is denominated, changes in the rate of exchange may cause the value of investments and consequently the value of the portfolio to go up or down. In the case of a higher volatility portfolio the loss or realization of capital may be very high including potential total loss of investment. As the value of such an investment may fall significantly and substantially, in making an investment decision, prospective investors must rely on their own examination of the merits and risks involved.

Maximize Your Dollar & Peso Growth Potential!

Preferred Dollar Plus Preferred Peso Plus

Investment Funds of Variable Life Insurance Contracts	Valuation Date 11/15/07	Valuation Date 11/08/07
PELAC Dollar Bond Fund	1.3049	1.3068
PELAC Global Bond Fund	1.2078	1.2103
PELAC Peso Fixed Income Fund	1.0273	1.0290
PELAC Peso Equity Fund	1.3490	1.3692
PELAC Balanced Fund	1.0066	1.0178

These investment funds are specific to variable life insurance contracts and are not considered mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission.

*Fund prices are net of transaction costs

PSBank Prime TIME DEPOSIT

6.0%*

Guaranteed

- Minimum of PhP 50,000
- 5-year placement, tax-free
- Accessible monthly income

*Rate is per annum and subject to change without prior notice.

Manage your account online via PSBank Remote Banking. Open a time deposit now in any of 163 branches nationwide.

For more information, text PSBANK PRIME <your name> <landline no.> <email address> then send to 391-772 for Smart or 0917-8902327 for Globe and other networks, or visit our website at www.psbank.com.ph

Member of the PDIC. Maximum Deposit Insurance for each Depositor is P250,000

Net 'hot money' ...

From page B1

ernment securities, primarily FXTNs, accounted for \$2.2 billion or 16 percent of the total investment inflows while money market instruments and peso bank deposits had a combined share of only about 1 percent.

The United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore were the top countries of origin of the investment funds during the period. The resurgence of hot money supported the rise in the country's balance of payments to record highs this year.

On Friday, the BSP reported that the country's BOP surplus climbed to \$7.85 billion in the first 10 months, more than double the \$3.8-billion windfall in the same period last year and exceeding the \$6.3-billion surplus target for the full year. The BOP surplus hit \$1.19 billion for the month of October alone, reversing the \$95-million deficit in September.

The BOP measures the foreign exchange transactions between the domestic economy and the rest of the world. Any transaction which gives rise to a payment by a Philippine resident like importation or debt servicing is a deficit item in the BOP while any which gives rise to a receipt like portfolio investment, borrowing, exporting or overseas Filipino worker remittance is a surplus item.

UPGRADE YOUR ANALOG SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

Go DIGITAL. FOR ONLY P 5,995.00

PC NOT INCLUDED

Starvalue Electronics is in the business of protecting you, your household and your business. Give us a call if you think that what you have is worth protecting, because we believe that prevention is still the best solution.

Authorized Local Distributor of **AVerMedia**

Dealers/ Agents within and outside Metro Manila are welcome. Star Value Electronics Inc. 2nd Flr. 670 Sgt. Bumalay St., Mand. City, 1550 Tel: (63-2) 746-4667 / 746-4657. starvalue@starcomm.com.ph

Looking for a PC?

evolve• ALL-IN-ONE LCD PC!

check-out our offer!

STOP and

Space Saving
Low Power Consumption
Less Cabling
Compact, Stylish, Portable
Zero Noise and Low Heat
Complete Connectivity

SPECIAL OFFER!
Buy 3 EVOLVE All-in-One PC, and get a FREE!

or or

MYOB Business Basics
Quickbooks Accounting
QA101 Fingerprint Reader

*max of 1 unit per company

FOR SALES INQUIRIES CONTACT:
535-1507 | 535-0787 | 533-0528
531-2991 | 533-2989 | 534-1529
sales@meedsystems.com

Gigabyte U60 Ultra Mobile PC

Genuine Microsoft® Windows XP Home® Vista Support

VIA® Esther Mobile Technology

VIA Esther ULV C7-M / Wi-fi / Bluetooth

30 GB Hard Drive / USB Port / Card Reader

DDR2 533 768MB on board

Touch screen with QWERTY keyboard

6.5" TFT-LCD WVGA, 800x480, with LED backlight

Integrated 300K Pixel Web Camera

Dimension: 190*120.8*28.3 mm

Weight: 740g

Php39,999 exclusively at:

QUBE

(02)4107823

buy computers online www.buyqube.com

(032) 412-4404 / 412-4442 (082) 227-5943 (0920-900) 230 (0922-4106849

NATIONLINK EMPOWERS INTEGRATED ONLINE NETWORK FOR A UNITED RURAL BANK INDUSTRY

A living miracle is happening in the countryside-rural banks across the country are working together to expand the NATIONLINK Network, the official ATM/POS network of the industry.

Online since May 2006 after 10 years of development, NATIONLINK ATMs are now installed in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Through its partnership with Bancnet, NATIONLINK empowers the 700-strong rural banks, with more than 2,000 points of presence across the country, to offer modern mainstream banking and payment services.

Qualified member rural banks of NATIONLINK-Bancnet can accept ATM transactions from Bancnet, Megalink, Expressnet and NATIONLINK, as well as issue ATM cards. The network's expansion is spurring economic development in the countryside. Moreover, it's the first time, in more than 50 years of rural banking history, that rural banks all over the country are united to build a modern financial network that will complement the commercial and thrift banks in nation building.

Modern Money Remittance

A recent USAID-sponsored study conducted by Ateneo's Economic Policy Reform and Advocacy (EPRA) entitled "Rural Banks and Remittances" confirms the strategic role of the NATIONLINK Network in the future of foreign money remittance. In particular, it will improve the delivery of the multi-billion dollar money remittances from overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

The study concludes with policy recommendations, stating that several studies have advocated the "integration of rural banks to the mainstream banking system." It says: "A more important consideration is the inclusion of rural banks into the payment system in order for them to benefit from the efficient money transfer operations currently being experienced by the commercial and thrift banks. Collectively, rural banks create a large network of banks in the Philippines and put them at par with commercial banks. With the rural banks' advantage in their presence in low-level municipalities where commercial bank branches are absent, rural banks would add value to commercial banks as partners in remittances."

Mobilizing Savings and Economic Growth

Rural banks are used as pay-out stations of big remittance companies and commercial banks. NATIONLINK Network expands their role by enabling rural banks to participate in the Inter-Bank Fund Transfer (IBFT) mechanisms of the major networks and of NATIONLINK itself. Thus, these banks can now electronically receive funds for crediting to the savings account or ATM card account of their customers/beneficiaries. This effectively builds up the deposit base of the rural banking system and helps fund the growth of the economy around the area where the particular rural bank operates.

Payment System for the Countryside

Imagine the transforming effect this will have in the lives and families of small and micro entrepreneurs. Customers from other towns or provinces can pay them faster. And they in turn can expedite their payments to suppliers in urban centers. These are among the empowering benefits that rural banks linked to the NATIONLINK Network can give their clients. NATIONLINK enables countryside enterprises to be part of the global e-commerce revolution.

A Unifying Network

While individually small, the united and integrated rural bank network empowered by NATIONLINK presents a potent force and financial capability equivalent to a 2,000-branch network bank.

Rural bankers are fully aware that only a united network can enable the industry to become a major contributor to nation building.

Poverty Eradication and Transformation

Economic growth is the single most significant factor contributing to poverty eradication and development. Like insufficient credit and liquidity, the lack of access to a payment network for the poor represents a significant obstacle to improving their standard of living. The NATIONLINK Network addresses this problem for the millions of poor in the rural Philippines by doing the following:

- (i) simplify the disbursement and collection of micro-credit loans;
- (ii) facilitate greater savings mobilization and improved cash management techniques; and
- (iii) contribute to enhanced, overall systemic efficiency, thereby leading to positive knock-on effects throughout the local economy.

NATIONLINK Network's proponents have been inspired by the transformational impact of the extension of banking services to the poor. A fundamental predicate of the Network is the desire to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ through economic development, the improvement in living standards resulting from better health, education and personal security, and the strengthening of individuals' hope in the future. The Network complements micro-lending and micro-insurance operations and aims to accentuate how these can transform people's lives.

An Invitation for Direct Action

Modern banking services, like ATMs, are no longer a luxury today. Rural bank customers expect these services. The private and public sector workers, farmers and fisher folk, SMEs, OFW beneficiaries, micro-entrepreneurs, and the poor and marginalized in the countryside deserve no less than the same modern banking services that we take for granted in urban centers.

Jess dela Cruz, founder and lead advocate of NATIONLINK, invites all rural bankers to join this living miracle in the countryside. "Joining NATIONLINK brings back the joy, the meaning and the passion of rural banking," he says.

Moreover, dela Cruz adds: "Our ATM solution package pricing and terms respect the rural banker's intelligence, sound judgment and his commitment to servicing the bank's customers first and foremost. We do not want the rural banker to make the mistake of thinking that such a meaningful endeavor that gives great value and benefits is free-as there is no such thing as a free lunch. Our philanthropic contribution to the endeavor is to subsidize part of the cost of the solution package to make it affordable to rural banks and put up the major investments in developing the network switching systems and value creating applications."

The Return on Investments (ROI) in NATIONLINK comes in the form of more deposits (which means more funds for loans), fee income from transactions, efficient and less costly operations, and better service. In addition, being part of a network adds to the bank's prestige and gives customers the convenience of transacting with a modern and progressive bank. Aside from having the ability to offer innovative services, the bank can also alleviate poverty more and help the least of our brothers and sisters in its community.

The time to act is now!

Paid advertisement

Metrobank eyes amnesty for P1-B DST liability

DA assures steady prices, supply of food for holidays

BIR firm on pursuing 'strong' cases vs delinquent banks

By Michelle V. Remo

METROBANK, THE COUNTRY'S largest bank in terms of assets, has applied for tax amnesty over an estimated P1 billion in unpaid documentary stamp taxes since the 1990s.

The documentary stamps were supposed to be paid on the special savings accounts offered by the bank to its clients.

An official familiar with the issue revealed that Metrobank had sought the withdrawal of its case against the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), which was lodged with the Court of Tax Appeals in the light of its amnesty application.

Under the program, which runs from Sept. 6, 2007 to Mar. 5, 2008, individuals and companies that have unpaid taxes for 2005 and prior years may avail themselves of the amnesty.

To do so, applicants are asked to pay a relatively small tax amnesty fee to receive, in return, immunity from prosecution and a clean financial slate.

Metrobank's amnesty application was filed despite BIR pronouncements that it would not drop cases against banks that owe the government billions of pesos in unpaid documentary stamp taxes, even if they apply for the amnesty.

There are several other banks that have yet to settle their alleged documentary stamp tax liabilities with the BIR. Certain banks have paid their tax liabilities

prior to the passage of the Tax Amnesty Law.

The dispute stems from the creation of special savings deposits in the 1990s, which banks for clients who sought higher yields, coupled with the ability to withdraw from their accounts at will.

Under the National Internal Revenue Code, time deposit accounts, which have higher interest rates, are subject to documentary stamp taxes, while ordinary savings accounts are not. Special savings accounts have the features of both ordinary and time deposit accounts.

Revenue Commissioner Lillian Hefti earlier said it was in the government's best interest to pursue the cases, as it needs additional revenues to plug this year's budget deficit.

The large foregone revenues expected from the Tax Amnesty Law was the reason the BIR insisted on disqualifying delinquent taxpayers who were already charged in court. The BIR hoped that only the most elusive tax evaders, and those that have yet to be charged, would be eligible for amnesty.

The final version of the law, however, was silent on the BIR's proposal.

Nonetheless, Hefti said the BIR would not drop the documentary stamp tax-related cases. She said her office would not voluntarily withdraw the charges, and would instead let the courts decide on the matter.

DA assures steady prices, supply of food for holidays

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE has assured consumers that the supply and prices of chicken, fish, vegetables and pork would remain stable throughout the holidays in Metro Manila markets.

According to Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap, farm growers and suppliers have informed the DA that the supply of these basic commodities are sufficient to meet rising consumer demand during the Christmas season.

"The challenge for us is to keep on pumping these food products into the nine *bagsakan* centers that we have already opened and the 21 barangay food terminals to ensure supply," Yap said.

Yap said that *tilapia* is expected to maintain its price of P70 to P80 a kilo, while pork will remain at P140 to P145 a kilo during the holidays.

The cost of chicken, which is now at P120 a kilo, could still decline to P115, he added.

The agriculture secretary added that the poultry industry has already stocked an additional 7 million kilos of chicken imports to meet the 43 million-kilo demand for this commodity in the next two weeks of November and the entire month of December.

"We do not see any reason why prices of chicken would spike given an additional 7 million kilos of buffer stock," Yap added.

Yap also said that because of the good weather and the harvests from alternative production sites, the DA sees no problem in the supply of carrots, tomatoes, *pechay* and other vegetables this season.

Color You Can Switch ON OFF



The new affordable workhorse solution for heavy use and high-performance printing.

Ideal choice for small to medium size offices that require a high-quality printer, offering the full reliability of a black and white and color laser technology.

Be worry-free with the cost of color. With this network-audiotron-ready printer, you can limit printing access of the staff or workgroups who needs a color or black and white, allowing you to reduce waste and lower your overall cost of printing.

DocuPrint C2100 Color Laser Printer

17 ppm color 25 ppm black

Buy extra toner & get 50% OFF on the printer!

P 34,900 - P 17,450*

*Buy 5 black toners and get the printer at half the price! 1 toner prints 8000 pages - P 7,200 each

THE DOCUMENT COMPANY FUJI XEROX

Promo period is from November 15 to 30, 2007

Distributed by: American Technologies, Inc. • Tel: 7230601 to 12 • Fax: 723 7951 • Website: www.ati.com.ph

Foreign investments to boost GSIS finances

By Doris C. Dumlaog

THE STATE-OWNED GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System's capacity to meet future obligation to members would be boosted by its \$1-billion global investment plan (GIP), its chief said on Friday.

GSIS president Winston Garcia said that the overseas investment plan, which is supported by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, would allow the pension fund to maximize its excess resources.

"The GSIS has a continuing obligation to see to it that our assets will not only perpetually grow, but will be sufficient to match the contingent and future liabilities of the GSIS to its members. The GIP is one of the ways of fulfilling this obligation," Garcia said.

In a recent radio interview, BSP Deputy Governor Guinigundo said the GSIS's move to explore investment opportunities abroad through the GIP would mean higher returns for the contributions of its members.

The BSP official likewise stressed that the "absorptive ca-

pacity" of the country was too limited to take advantage of the billions of dollars in investible funds of the GSIS and the Social Security System.

"These investible funds can be used to build concrete real sector infrastructure and finance other economic activities if we expand our absorptive capacity. But if we have nowhere to place these funds right now, these funds will only add to our current money supply. We can't use them for credit requirement nor to build our infrastructure," Guinigundo said.

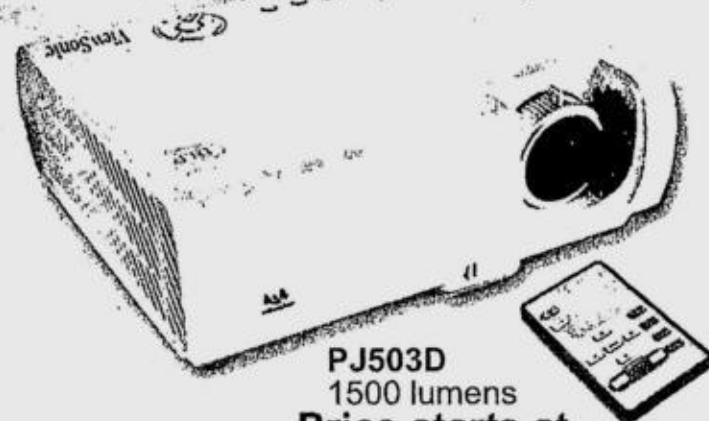
"Now that we're still [experiencing excessive] dollar inflows, it will also be good if both GSIS and SSS can explore investment opportunities abroad," he said.

The GSIS has earlier awarded to ING Investment Management and Credit Agricole Asset Management (Singapore) Ltd. the mandates for its GIP. The pension fund has set a minimum annual return requirement of 8 percent, net of fees, and a volatility ceiling of 7 percent for the portfolio.

Functionality • Durability • Clarity

@ an Affordable Price!

ViewSonic
the choice of professionals



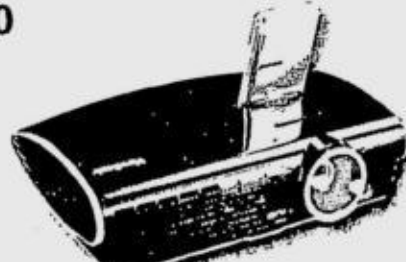
PJ503D
1500 lumens
Price starts at
P27,980.00



PJ506D
2000 lumens
P29,980.00



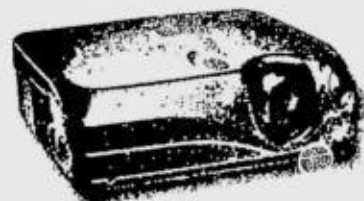
PJ358
2000 lumens
PC Less Projector



PJ258
2000 lumens
Ipod Projector



PJ658
2500 lumens
Black or Whiteboard Projection



PJ862
3100 lumens
Horizontal - Vertical Keystone



PJ1158
4000 lumens
Network Projector



PJ1172
4500 lumens
Network Projector



AVLS All Visual & Lights Systems

CALL US FOR A FREE DEMO

Sole Authorized Philippine Distributor:

www.avls.com.ph

Head Office:
All Visual &
Lights Systems
ACC Corporate Center
E. Rodriguez Jr. Libis, Q.C.
Tel. Nos. 911-0904,
911-0947, 421-7163,
Fax No. 911-7009

Branch Office:
All Visual &
Lights Systems
C15 3/F New
Farmers Plaza
Araneta Center
Cubao, Q.C.
Tel. No. 912-8306

The Hive - Cebu
Unit 111 Upper G/F
Main Mall
Banilad Town Centre,
Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032)346-2412,
(032)416-2006
Telefax (032)346-2411

Authorized Resellers:
A PLUS A SHOP
D1 Upper Ground Flr.
New Farmers Plaza,
Araneta Center,
Cubao, Q.C.
Tel. Nos. 911-1364,
911-1422
Fax no. 911-1422

A - Rialto
Photographics
B18 Upper Ground Flr.
New Farmers Plaza,
Araneta Center,
Cubao, Q.C.
Tel. Nos. 911-0986,
912-7167



Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Brgy. Magsaysay, Bubon, Northern Samar
MOBILE: (0917) 361974 FAX: (055) 251-818

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The NORTHERN SAMAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (NORSAMELCO) has received a subsidy from the National Electrification Administration (NEA). The proceeds of subsidy is for construction of line under the Rural Electrification Program.

Interested parties are hereby invited to a Pre-qualification and Sealed Bidding for the supply of hereunder project:

Project	Construction of line for 10 barangays under AWP '07
Location	Norsamelco coverage area
Contract	Supply of labor and materials per Barangays
Amount	Php 11.22 M

Package	Description	Lot
A	Supply of labor and materials for 10 barangays	1 lot

Bid documents will be issued after passing the eligibility to bid and upon payment of Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000.00) non-refundable before the pre-bid conference. Detailed estimate, specification of materials and staking sheet for the above project is included in the purchased bid document.

Acceptance of Letter of Intent	Nov. 20-23, 2007
Receipt of Eligibility requirement	Nov. 23-26, 2007
Issuance of Notice of Eligibility to bid	Nov. 26-29, 2007
Pre-bid Conference	Nov. 29, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m.
Opening of Bids	Dec. 18, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.

Only qualified bidders who passed the pre-qualification screening will be allowed to participate in the bidding. Bid proposals must be accompanied by Bid Security equivalent to 5% of the total bid price in an acceptable form.

All bidders are required to conduct on site inspection of the 10 barangays prior to the opening of bids.

The PBAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility check and Screening as well as preliminary examination of bids. The PBAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest bid.

NORSAMELCO hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids without disclosing any reason, to waive/put aside any minor defects or infirmities therein or to accept such bid as may be considered most advantageous and responsive to the NORSAMELCO.

For further information, please contact the following nos. 0927-4876321 / 0917-3042869 / telefax 055-2518163.

(Sgd.) SALVADOR G. HERNANDEZ
General Manager

(Sgd.) NILO ESTOPA
PBAC Chairman

Bank adopts new SME lending approach

Lending to small business short of requirement

By Doris C. Dumlaog

BANK LENDING TO SMALL AND medium enterprises has been falling short by P67 billion to P180 billion of the sector's yearly funding requirement despite government intervention, an International Finance Corp. study estimated.

This has prompted IFC, the World Bank group's private sector arm, to tie up with a leading local microfinance institution, CARD Bank, to introduce an SME banking model that departs from the traditional lending approach, hoping that this model would eventually be embraced by the banking system.

The partnership will be focused on capacity-building and on helping CARD Bank cater to the needs of its clients.

"Through IFC's advisory services, we hope to achieve our transition from a microfinance institution into being a key provider of financing to small and medium enterprises," CARD Bank chair Aristotle Alip said.

The program focuses on SME banking and stresses the importance for banks to offer and cross-sell multiple products, focus on strong marketing, and adopt segmentation and product development capacity. It also emphasizes the importance of a strong management information system that can support credit scoring and credit relations management.

Although the new SME banking model will be pilot-tested with CARD Bank, IFC is keen on propagating the new approach to other microfinance lenders or even to big commercial banks that are willing to diversify their portfolio and make inroads into the middle market.

"There is a huge potential for commercial banks to 'down-scale' and rural and thrift banks to 'up-scale' to provide credit to small and medium businesses wanting to borrow medium sized loans," IFC advisory services coordinator Euan Marshall said.

"IFC seeks to work with both

commercial and rural banks to achieve this and thus help plus the 'missing middle' in SME financing," he added.

The study commissioned by IFC on SME financing in the Philippines showed that among the factors constraining middle-market lending were financial sector policies and issues on the funding supply side.

Based on its findings, the amount of funding obtained by SMEs from formal institutions is limited, amounting to between 11 and 21 percent of their total current funding, with start-ups receiving much less.

"Most SMEs start with the founders' own resources, sometimes supplemented with loans from rela-

tives and friends. Even after several years of operation, firms continue to rely on the owners and on internal resources," the study said. It pointed out that obtaining loans in the range of P150,000 to P5 million was particularly challenging.

One of the factors inhibiting banks from increasing lending to SMEs is the widely-held belief that the risks are greater and that the costs are higher in doing so. As such, the study noted that funding for the sector was largely based on policy-driven targeted intervention, including the provision of funds by government financial institutions either directly or using private banks as conduits and the mandatory allocation

of credit.

Under the Magna Carta for SMEs, banks are required to set aside at least 8 percent of

their loan portfolio to SMEs, which are defined to include enterprises with assets worth P3 million but not exceeding P100 million.

INOX STAINLESS

Exclusively Distributed By:

H-STAR ENTERPRISES INC.

STAINLESS STEEL

- Sheet, plate & coil
- Checkered, expanded & perforated sheet
- Flux & angle bar
- Round tube & fitting
- Pressurized tube
- Semirigid tube & fittings
- Seamless tube
- Square & rectangular tube
- Pipe & fitting
- Seamless pipe
- Wire rope & accessories
- Chain & accessories
- Spring wire (soft & hard)
- Wire screen (woven & welded)
- Fasteners (Bolt/Nut/Washer)
- Welding Electrode/Mig Wire

BRASS

- Round, square & fluted tube
- Pipe
- Round, square & hexagonal bar
- Sheet
- Flat bar

COPPER

- Round tube
- Pipe
- Round, square & flat bar
- Sheet

ALUMINUM

- Sheet

Tel # 672-2870 to 77 • Fax # 672-2890 to 92 • e-mail: inox@hstar-ph.com • www.hstar-ph.com

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Diliman Campus

Master of Business Administration

The UP Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program provides a foundation for a career in middle and upper management in business. The program offers a mix of functional disciplines in management with courses in the management of technology and innovation as well as in general management. The program is also designed to allow students to acquire knowledge and skills in specialized management areas through elective courses which comprise a third of total course requirements. Part-time students can complete the program in 2.5 years. Full-time (day) students need 1.5 years.

MBA ADMISSION SY 2008-2009

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree (any field), work experience, two recommendations, and acceptable admission test scores

APPLICATION PERIOD:

Deadline of Submission of Application Form is on January 31, 2008
Application form can be downloaded from the website.

ADMISSION TEST:

Sunday, February 10, 2008

Scholarships and Student Exchange (Full-time MBA Students)

• Fifteen scholarships are available. • Slots for student exchange programs in France, Hungary and the U.S.

For inquiries, contact:

Program Director, Master's Program • College of Business Administration, UP Diliman, Quezon City
Phone: 928-4571 to 76 and 927-0488 (telefax) • Email: mba@up.edu.ph • www.upd.edu.ph/~cba

Click n Print!

The Best deal to have your own Card Printer.

Buy 330i or 430i model of Zebra Card Printer and get a Kodak C513 Digital camera and 2 rolls of Zebra Card Printer ribbons for FREE!

Promo Period: Nov. 12 to Dec. 12, 2007

AVLS All Visual & Lights Systems

Sole Authorized Philippine Distributor:

Head Office:
All Visual & Lights Systems
ACC Corporate Center, E. Rodriguez Jr. Libis, Q.C.
Tel. Nos.: 9110904 / 9110947 / 4217163 / Fax. No. 9117009

Branch Office:
All Visual & Lights Systems
C15 3/F New Farmers Plaza
Araneta Center Cubao, Q.C.
Tel. No. 9128308

A-Rialto Photographics
B18 Upper Ground Flr.
New Farmers Plaza,
Araneta Center, Cubao, Q.C.
Tel. Nos.: 9110986 / 9127167

Authorized Resellers:
A PLUS A SHOP
D1 Upper Ground Flr., New Farmers Plaza,
Araneta Center, Cubao, Q.C.
Tel. Nos.: 9127168 / 9111364 / Fax. No. 9111422

The Hive - Cebu
Unit 111 Upper Ground Flr., Main Mall
Banlad Town Centre, Cebu City
Tel. Nos.: (032) - 3462412 / (032) - 4162006
Telefax: (032) - 3462411

www.avls.com.ph

Per DTI-NCR Permit No 4133 Series of 2007

Call us for a FREE DEMO

Understand trends and time your investments.

Learn to invest successfully in the stock market.

CITISECONLINE
STOCKBROKERS
The 1st and only online broker publicly listed in the PSE.
PSE stock symbol "COL"

Register now.

The **COL** Investor Seminar Series

"Introduction to Technical Analysis"

Nov. 20, Tues., 5:30 to 8:30pm, PSE Penthouse, PSE Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

"Technical Trading Strategies"

Nov. 26, Mon., 5:30 to 8:30pm, 3F SGV Hall, AIM Conference Center, Benavidez St., Makati City

"Investing in the Stock Market Today"

Nov. 22 & 27, 2:00 to 6:00pm, PSE Trading Floor, PSE Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

and
Dec. 4, 6, 11 & 13, 2:00 to 6:00pm, COL Training Center, 24F PSE Centre, Exchange Road, Pasig City

WAIVED ENTRANCE FEE

To register, call (02) 6-333-777 or log on to www.citiseconline.com.

SAGE ACCPAC sage soft SOLUTIONS INC.

FREE! Basic ACCPAC Training Financial Management Suite (GL, AR, AP)

- November 29, 2007 (Thursday)
- Half-day session (9 am - 12 nn)
- Limited Slots Available
- FREE Snacks

for reservations, please contact:
Teresita Tabios
Marketing Officer
Sagesoft Solutions, Inc.

9/F Jafer Place Bldg.
19 Eisenhower St. Greenhills, San Juan
Phone: +632 705 14 22 loc. 122
Mobile: 0922 818 51 88
Email: teresitat@touchgroup.net

UNBURDEN yourself worrying on how to secure your critical information
TAKE IT EASY.... Let IBM do the work for you during this holiday season.



Take advantage of the latest IBM LTO Tape System offerings with its new levels of capacity, performance and function that help protect your valuable assets against security breach while reducing your operational and energy costs giving you a lower TCO.

Buy an IBM Library & get the second drive for FREE!



***For ONLY Php 398,000.00**
IBM TS3100 LTO® Ultrium™ 3 Library
Ultrium 3 Half High SCSI Drive
24 Data Cartridge Slots
Up to 9.6TB Native Capacity
Up to 80Mbps Performance
3 Years 24x7 IBM Onsite Service
+ FREE LTO3 HH Drive
Save PHP 340,000.00



***For ONLY Php 995,000.00**
TS3200 LTO® Ultrium™ 4 Tape Library
4Gbps Ultrium 4 Fibre Channel Drive
48 Data Cartridge Slots
Up to 38.4 TB native Capacity
3 Years 24x7 IBM Onsite Service

+ FREE LTO4 Fibre Drive
Save PHP 760,000.00



Promo valid until November 30, 2007 only.
Promo available for Philippine companies only.
For your inquiries, call WSI at 858 5555 and look for Liza Torio (ext. 487).



Celebrating 25 Years of Value-Added Service
www.wordtext.com.ph +63 2 0581 5555
Metro Manila: 701 8800001 Dug, Metro Cebu: Lagaos St. Lagaos Village, Makati City: 852 817 6430 email: sales@wordtext.com.ph
Metro Cebu: VDI Technology, Inc. 34 V. Doria Street, Cebu City: 852 225 1012 to 14 fax: 852 225 1011 email: sales@wordtext.com.ph

Bearish ...

From page B1

slashed its key borrowing rates, he saw only a few drivers that could lift the market.

"Unless the US market rebounds, share prices may take the bearish path of consolidating with a negative bias. We are hopeful that share prices will hold up as the main composite index is now at a critical stage. It is trying to hold above its 3,600 support level. If the main index fails to hold, it may trigger a second leg of declines with the next support at 3,400," Vistan said.

Wall Street finished higher Friday as bargain-hunters snapped up stocks cheapened by housing and credit woes.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 66.74 points (0.51 percent) higher at 13,176.79 while the tech-laced Nasdaq composite finished 18.73 points (0.72 percent) higher at 2,637.24. Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

Solid sees steady growth in 2008

High-growth markets eyed

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS and technology firm Solid Group Inc. sees steady growth in 2008 as it ventures into high-growth niche markets, marked by the rollout this year of its dual sim mobile phones this year.

In an interview, Solid Group president David Lim said revenues would also be driven in 2008 by sales of its maiden residential condominium project in Ermita, Manila dubbed "Zen Towers." The first 200-unit tower will be turned over to the buyers in December.

"2008 will be a turning point for the Solid Group," Lim said.

Lim said Solid Group expects to book at least P2.3 billion in new revenues next year, to be driven largely by sales of its "myPhone" series of touch-screen dual sim phones and Zen Towers.

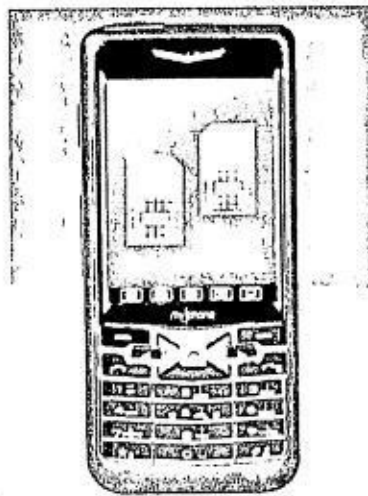
As of the first half of this year, Solid Group reported a revenue of P615 million.

Last September, Solid Group launched its myPhone models to compete with the units sold by big players, including Nokia and Motorola.

In a month's time, the company sold 10,000 units, raking in P50 million in sales, even with little advertising.

The initial set of myPhones come in three models, the T11, T22-Duo and T33.

The T11, which sells for P6,999, is a single SIM multimedia touch screen phone that runs on a GPRS network and has a 1.3 megapixel camera. It has bluetooth technology, a webcam function and a built-in 1 (megabyte)



T22-DUO

MB user memory. For its multimedia features, it has an MP3 or MP4 player and video recorder.

The T22-Duo, which is priced at P9,999, is the first dual active SIM phone with a larger memory of 2MB. It is also a touch screen phone with the same multimedia functions like the T11 and has two stereo speakers with 3D surround effect. It has a 2 megapixel camera and a micro flash memory card slot that could expand its memory up to 1 gigabyte (GB).

The top of the line model is the T33, which is a GPS (global positioning system or mapping device) pocket PC phone that sells for P19,999. It has a 50 MB user memory, a 2 megapixel camera, a flash memory card slot that could expand the memory to up to 2 GB and a touch screen with handwriting recognition. Its operating system is Windows Mobile 5 and could perform Word, Excel and Powerpoint functions.



PUBLIC SEALED BIDDING

To be held in PNB Asset Management Sector

CAGAYAN DE ORO BRANCH

Corrales Ave. corner Toribio Chaves Sts., Cagayan de Oro City.

Sealed offer and cashier's/ manager's check payment for deposit must be submitted on **November 28, 2007, Wednesday at 3:00 P.M.**

Property Location: Lots 11 & 10, Block 4, Brgy. 24 Sergio Osmena St. Poblacion, Cagayan de Oro City

Description	TCT	Lot Area (sqm.)	Improvement (sqm.)	Minimum Bid Price
Residential & Commercial	T-137560	360	103	P 14,662,800.00
	T-137559	360	204	
		720 sqm.	307 sqm.	

Submission Procedure:

The sealed offer must be labeled

"Public bidding - Lots 11 & 10, Block 4, Brgy. 24 Sergio Osmena St. Poblacion Cagayan de Oro City".

FOR INQUIRY

PNB Asset Management Sector

NORTHERN MINDANAO REGIONAL DESK

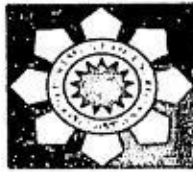
Account Officer : MA1 MELECIO INTONG
TEL NOs: (088) 857-5545

Way of Sealed Bids in CASH or INSTALLMENT and on "As-is Where-is" basis.

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

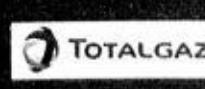
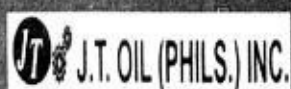
- Bidders should use the Bank-prescribed "Purchase Proposal Form" accompanied by a Buyer's Information Sheet (Annex A). If a bidder is a representative of a corporation, the representative must submit a Secretary's Certificate to represent the said corporation.
- Sealed offer/s to buy must be accompanied by non-interest bearing deposit of at least 10% of the offered purchase price in the form of Cashier's/Manager's Check payable to Philippine National Bank.
- As a general rule "no bid below the floor price shall be accepted".
- PNB's decision is final and binding. No withdrawal of bids shall be allowed once the winning bid has been selected and approved by PNB. Any withdrawal of bid by winning bidder shall result to forfeiture by PNB of deposit.
- In the event the winning bidder failed to comply with the specified payment terms, the 10% deposit shall be forfeited as penalty and the sale shall be automatically cancelled.
- PNB reserves the right to reject any and all bids at its sole discretion, waive any defects or informality on the bids received and accepts the bid most advantageous to PNB but does not guarantee that any award shall be made.
- PNB shall be responsible in the payment of Creditable Withholding Tax (CWT) up to the selling price only and any excess shall be for the account of the winning bidder. All other expenses such as documentary stamp tax, transfer tax, registration fees and other fees related to the transfer of the title in the name of the winning bidder shall be for the exclusive account of the winning bidder.
- PNB does not assume any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify any bidder for any expense that may be incurred in the bidding process.
- PNB reserves the right to withdraw the foregoing property at any time before the deadline of submission of bids.
- Buyer shall be responsible in ejecting occupants of the property and related expenses shall be for the buyer's account.
- Winning Bidder to execute Deed of Acknowledgement stating that he is aware that portion (more than a meter depth) of back of building erected on the property has encroached the adjacent lot and any/all responsibility expenses related to such shall be taken cared by the buyer.



THE 1st PHILIPPINE AUTO-LPG SUMMIT

22 November 2007
Mandarin Oriental Hotel
Makati City

For more information, call LPGIA at 638.0812 or DTI-Bureau of Product Standards at 751.4740.





NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF VISAYAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the one for ten reverse stock split of Visayan Electric Company, Inc.'s (the "Company" or "VECO") common shares with the approval of the increase in par value of the Company's common shares from P200.00 per share to P2,000.00 per share.

The reverse stock split will result in every ten VECO common shares with a pre-reverse stock split par value of P200.00 per share on a total par value of P2,000.00 being exchanged for one post-reverse stock split VECO common share with a par value of P2,000.00 per share. Thus, all stockholders will end up with less number of common shares post-reverse stock split but with the same total par value as their pre-reverse stock split shareholdings.

Fractional Shares

Some stockholders may end up with fractional shares following the reverse stock split. As approved by the Board of Directors and ratified by the stockholders, all shareholders who ended up holding fractional shares after the reverse stock split are given the option to top up their fractional shares to up to one whole share by paying the price difference between one whole share and their respective fractional share. Any shareholder who fails to exercise the option to top up shall instead receive cash payment for his fractional share. The fractional shares of shareholders who fail to exercise their option to top up shall be acquired by VECO as treasury shares. For this purpose, the Board of Directors has set the selling or buying price of any share or fraction thereof at the post-reverse stock split price of P5,000.00 per share, or two and a half times the post-reverse stock split par value of P2,000.00 per share.

Notices of the option to top up were given to all stockholders who ended up with fractional shares following the reverse stock split. If you did not receive any notice from VECO but felt that you might be qualified to exercise the option to top up, kindly contact:

MS. JESSEL TRAVERO
Investor Relations Officer
Visayan Electric Company, Inc.
J. Panis St., Banilad, Cebu City 6000
Tel. No. (32) 230-8326

Surrender of Stock Certificates

All pre-reverse stock split stock certificates are now deemed cancelled by VECO. Please surrender your pre-reverse stock split stock certificates to VECO so new stock certificates reflecting your post-reverse stock split stockholdings can be issued in your favor.

If you have questions about the reverse stock split, please address them to:

THE CORPORATE SECRETARY
Visayan Electric Company, Inc.
c/o Aboltiz Corporate Center
Gov. Manuel Cuenca Avenue
Kasambagan, Cebu City
Attention: Atty. M. Jasmine S. Oporto
or Atty. Leah I. Galdiez
or Atty. Catherine R. Atay
Tel. No. (32) 231-2580

(Sgd.) M. JASMINE S. OPORTO
Corporate Secretary

(Sgd.) JESS ANTHONY GARCIA
Assistant Corporate Secretary

(PDI - Nov. 19, 2007)

R E W A R D

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is given to the public that Writs of Execution have been issued against the following persons who are all previous tenants of GREENHILLS SHOPPESVILLE ARCADE, San Juan City by the Metropolitan Trial Court Branch 57, San Juan, Metro Manila:

Name of Defendant	Civil Case No.	Last Known Address
ABELLERA, Josephine J.	9124	11 Guyabano St., Proj 2, QC
APOLONIO, Rosaura	9010	Brgy Lumang Bayan, Plaridel, Bulacan
BALTAZAR, Ma. Luz	9150	51 Umbel St., Roxas District, QC
BARIN, Magnolia	9164	47 Dumalay St., Sta. Monica, Novaliches, QC
BLANCO, Jasmin F.	9155	Unit 0, Hemady Townhomes, New Manila, QC
BLANCO, Russel	9148	Unit 0, Hemady Townhomes, New Manila, QC
CASTANEDA, Ma. Carla V.	9033	8843 Sampaloc St., San Antonio Village, Makati City
CATALAN, Mayorico P.	9236	3 Pag-asa St., San Jose, QC
DESCALLAR, Michelle	9171	Balangueno Vill, Matina Aplaya, Davao City
DONA, Saturnino Jr. C.	9163	1903 Tramo St., Pasig City
ENRIQUEZ, Jennifer T.	9019	26 Balmorie St., San Lorenzo Village, Makati City
FAUSTINO, Lina V.	9170	Unit 0, Hemady Townhomes, New Manila, QC
HERNANDEZ, Mary Ann F.	9038	605 Rosita St., Sto. Nino, Marikina City
JAURIGUE, Ma. Teresa D.	9005	Unit 229, Kaimitoville, Kaimito St., Valle Verde 2, Pasig City
LOPEZ, Alleen A.	9009	Manila Steam Laundry, 2223 España St., Sampaloc, Manila
LUCIANO, Maura I.	9153	48 Samar Ave. cor Albano St., South Triangle, QC
MACEDA, Anna Gisel R.	9008	56 Highland Drive, Blue Ridge, QC
MANGUBAT, Leopoldo	9035	372 Columbia St., East Greenhills, Mandaluyong City
MARALIT, Ariel P.	9014	3 Don Pepe St., Sta. Mesa Heights, QC
MARTINEZ, Michael P.	9011	19 Mt. Clements St., Filinvest, QC
MENESES, Rolando F.	9072	3-C, Palma St., Xavierville Subd., Ph. 1, Loyola Hgts, QC
NOVELO, Filipina	9073	203-D, L&F Apt., Erwin Garcia St., Cubao, QC
ONG, Eduardo C.	9025	3895 Araro St., Palanan, Makati City
PACIOLES, Mariano Jr.	9032	26-E Eisenhower St., North Greenhills, San Juan City
PAMINTUAN, M. Belinda M.	9031	54 Ubay St., Sta. Mesa Heights, QC
RECTO, Florietta	9018	Javilla Townhouse, 50 Felix Manalo St., QC
REYES, Ma. Dancel K.	9154	53A Laura St., Plainview, Mandaluyong City
REYES, Floren	9039	613 A. Mabini St., Manggahan, Pasig City
ROJAS, Lorenzo S.	9125	95 Kamias Road, QC
SAN AGUSTIN, Ma. Lysandra T.	9173	36 Camia St., Valle Verde II, Pasig City
TIONGSON, John Roderick R.	9172	36 Camia St., Valle Verde II, Pasig City
TOLENTINO, Melinda S.	9003	17 Dampol St., Damar Village, QC

The above defendants are advised to call our lawyers, DY & ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM at Telephone Nos. 531-1249 & 535-4931 to discuss their compliance with the Writs.

The public is likewise requested to convey any information on the present whereabouts and assets of the above-named defendants to our lawyers. A CASH REWARD will be given to any person who can provide information leading to the successful collection of the amount that the above defendants are adjudged to pay. All information given shall be treated with strict confidence.

ALLEGRO RESOURCES CORPORATION
3rd Level, Shoppesville Arcade, Greenhills
San Juan, Metro Manila

More employment opportunities
in today's JOB MARKET.
Every Sunday with the INQUIRER

Where You Find The Best.

FOR SALE

RISO KS800 MULTICOPIER
Buy three for only P90T
only 35,000 each
20D Camera
w/ wide & macro lens plus
free LOWE PROBAG for
only P65,000
Pls. call
0927-9586836

PAWN-BUY-SELL

ROLEX, AP
PAGALAN, DIVER
CARTIER, IWC
PATEK, BULOZ
SWISS WATCHES
GOLD & DIAMOND SPECIALISTS
sec'ndo Glorietta
894-0282 • 889-7956

BUYING

ROLEX • Patek Philippe • AP
Patek • IWC • Breguet • Cartier
Also Rolex, and various watches
09178884040
7269687
email: worldwatching@gmail.com

BUY • SELL • PAWN

ROLEX
& other SWISS WATCHES
JEWELRY
DIAMONDS
BEST PRICE
SPOT CASH
3829198
8341572
ALABANZAR & COMPANY

RYKEROLL

RENT-A-VAN
07 URVAN ESCAPE
10 HOURS P1,800
WITH DRIVER
7878776 / 7964377
09213497170



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
SEC Bldg., EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City

INVITATION TO BID

The Securities and Exchange Commission, through its Bids and Awards Committee for IT Goods and Services (BAC-IT), invites qualified local bidders to bid for Co-location Services for the SEC servers and network equipment with an Approved Budget Contract (ABC) of P2,800,000.00. Project Duration is for one (1) year.

Source of Funds: RA 9401

A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by the bidders starting 12 November to 19 November 2007 from the MIS Division, Basement, SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City upon payment of One-Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per set of bid document. For further details, you may contact Ms. Lilia O. Pinzon/Ms. Ma. Theresa Samera at Tel. No. 727-6894.

Pre-Bid Conference will be on 23 November 2007, 2:00 p.m. at the ERID Conference Room, 7th floor, SEC Building.

Deadline for the submission and opening of bid envelopes will be on 11 December 2007, 2:00 p.m. at the ERID Conference Room, 7th floor, SEC Building. Late bid shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the said opening.

Republic Act 9184, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall govern all particulars relative to Eligibility, Bid Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation, Post Qualification and Awards of Contracts.

The SEC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder/s and to waive any required formalities therein and to award the contract to the bidder whose proposal as evaluated is most advantageous to the Commission.

SEC also assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of the bids, nor does it guarantee that any award will be made.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. AQUINO
Chairman, BAC-IT

(PDI-Nov. 12 & 19, 2007)



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Meralco Avenue, DepEd Complex, Pasig City
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE II



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division (PFSED) of Department of Education (DepEd), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB), licensed by CIAP, and whose eligibility documents are on file with the DepEd Central Office or DPWH Contractors Registry to bid for the hereunder contract through the alternative method of procurement provided in R.A. 9184:

Name of Project: Repair of Various DepEd Offices under Supplemental Appropriations of FY 2006 (RA 9358)
Location: DepEd Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City
Approved Budget for the Contract: Pnp6,965,780.42

Bids received that exceed the ABC shall be rejected.
Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed similar civil works (vertical construction) largest single contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and key personnel and equipment available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check and Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The Schedule of BAC activities are as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) and Application for Eligibility; and Issuance of Eligibility Documents	November 19 - 26, 2007 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
2. Submission/Receipt of Eligibility Requirements (Opening of Eligibility Requirements - November 28, 2007)	Deadline November 27, 2007 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
3. Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	November 29, 2007
4. Issuance of Bid Documents	Starting on November 29, 2007
5. Pre-bid Conference	December 6, 2007 9:00 a.m.
6. Receipt and Opening of Bids	December 20, 2007 10:00 a.m.

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders the Eligibility Documents at Procurement Service, BAC Secretariat, Rm., 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City upon submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) and payment in cash of a non-refundable amount of Philippine Pesos Five Hundred and 00/100 only (Pnp500.00). Prospective bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address. BAC activities Nos. 1-4 shall be conducted at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during DepEd working days only.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC eligible to bid upon payment in cash of a non-refundable amount of Philippine Pesos Eight Thousand and 00/100 only (Pnp8,000.00). The BAC Secretariat can be reached through Tel Nos. (02) 633-9343 or Fax No. (02) 636-6543. Information is also available at <http://www.dep.gov.ph> or www.procurement.gov.ph.
The Purchaser assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expense incurred in the preparation of the bid. Likewise, the Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) JESUS G. GALVAN
Asst. Secretary and BAC II Vice Chairperson

(PDI-Nov. 19, 2007)



City Government of Zamboanga
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
City Hall, Zamboanga City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The CITY GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBOANGA invites PhilGEPS registered suppliers to apply for the following items.

Name of Projects	Approved Budget for the Contract	Date/Time	Price of Bid
1. Construction Supplies	P3,172,855.00	Pre-Bid Conference: November 29, 2007 Deadline: December 10, 2007	P1,100.00

The Bid documents shall be available at the City Mayor's Office, Procurement, Acquisition and Awards Division, City Hall, Zamboanga City starting November 19-26, 2007 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated above.

The Pre-Bid conference shall be held at City Engineer's Office, Conference Hall, City Hall, Zamboanga City.

The Bidder shall drop and enclose the original of the Technical Proposal in one sealed envelope; whereas, the original of the Financial Proposal shall be enclosed in another sealed envelope. Both envelopes shall then be placed in another single envelope. In the bid box located at the abovementioned address.

For more information, please call the Procurement, Acquisition and Awards Division at telephone no. (062) 992-7763.

The CITY GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBOANGA reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) Atty. SAMUEL A. MARIANO
BAC Vice-Chairman

(PDI - November 19, 2007)



Republic of the Philippines
CITY OF SANTA ROSA
Province of Laguna

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

PURCHASING AND DELIVERING OF GROCERY ITEMS
FOR "MALIGAYA AT MALUSOG NA PASKO SA LUNGSOD NG SANTA ROSA 2007"

- The City Government of Santa Rosa through the General Fund of 2007 intends to apply the sum of FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX PESOS AND EIGHTY CENTAVOS (Pnp5,487,876.80) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Purchasing and Delivering of Grocery Items for "Maligaya at Malusog na Pasko sa Lungsod ng Santa Rosa 2007", Project Reference Number: G-2007-738. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening. The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

BAC ACTIVITIES	DATE	VENUE
1. Issuance of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pnp5,487.88	Nov. 19-Dec. 3, 2007 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	BAC Office Santa Rosa City Hall J.P. Rizal Blvd., Market Area City of Santa Rosa, Laguna
2. Pre-bid Conference	November 27, 2007 10:00 AM	
3. Receipt and Opening of Bids	December 10, 2007 10:00 AM	

- All Bids for the abovementioned project must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and in the amount as stated in the Bid Date Sheet (BDS) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
- Request for clarifications must be submitted at least ten (10) calendar days before the scheduled opening of bids as tabulated above. For further inquiry, please call telephone number (049) 534-1192.
- The City Government of Santa Rosa reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) ROMULO M. CATINDIG
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI-Nov. 19, 2007)

CASH LOAN (1.25%/mo)
- P30K to 2M (No Collateral)
- For Home Improvement,
Education, Business, Balance
Transfer, etc.
- Tong Yang SBA, etc.
(02) 4826122 / (02) 4721300
0915-4904388 / 0922-7863454
(Pls. text name and landline)
Look for ARIEL/MON
CREDIT CARDS ALSO AVAILABLE

Job Market
Get more exposure
for your ad.
Advertise in JobMarket Libre
Inquire at
897-8808 loc 514.

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Real Classifieds

More Classified Ads:

Norther Samar Electric
Coop. Inc. B6

PDI Kalaw Branch has been transferred to:

G/F Traveller's Life Bldg.,
490 T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila
(in front of National Library)
To serve your advertising needs, please call
523-5570 (Trunk Line)
loc. 115 or 116 • 525-7381

OBITUARIES

The Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation
beg you to recommend to God in your prayers and sacrifices the
eternal repose of our dear

SR. URSULA "ADELAIDA" L. MELLA
(Adelaida Licup Mella)

December 25, 1930

who passed away on November 17, 2007 at the age of 76.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Funeral Mass will be on November 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the
La Consolacion Chapel, 273 Santolan Road, San Juan, Metro Manila.
Interment will follow at the La Loma Cemetery after the Mass.

Death Notice

HILARIO JOSE R. BERANGO, JR

Jan. 19, 1933 - Nov. 14, 2007

Interment today at Bacuay, Albay after the 2 p.m. Mass.

INQUIRER OBITUARIES

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:

- Copy of Death Certificate
- Any identification document (I.D.)

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS and bank-to-bank payments

INFOTECH

Text us your feedback: Inquirer it name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Bringing notebook technology down to a child's level

By Raquel P. Gomez

TAIWAN-BASED ASUS, THE global producer of an extensive range of computer, consumer and communication products and devices, has launched another product in its subnotebook category—the Eee PC, a 7-inch display Intel platform portable PC for children as young as five years old. Asus Eee PC, packed with simple-to-use applications, a Wi-Fi feature, plus the bare essentials for a computing device, targets children, and probably their mothers with tech phobia, to help them feel at ease with technology, according to Asus officials.

Peter Chua, Asus sales manager for the Philippine

office, said the Asus Eee PC has been packaged to appeal as a “toy” and “learning device” for a child. Because of its easy to use interface, mothers too will have fun dabbling with the device.

“We usually buy expensive electronics like a notebook and we will tell our kids not to touch it,” according to Chua. “But on the other side of it, we want our kids to be technically savvy or computer literate. So this is one thing that the product tries to address.”

Chua said students at Prep Inc. School recently had their way with the devices, and the company was more than happy with the feedback they received from the children.

The kids, whose ages range from five to eight years old, were not inhibited in playing and learning with the device they regard as a tech toy. They had fun

surfing the Web wirelessly, learning from the pre-installed educational games, according to Chua.

For P19,000 plus, the Asus Eee PC subnotebook is loaded with the following hardware features—Intel mobile CPU, 512 DDR2 memory, Intel UMA for graphics, built-in audio, a 0.3 megapixel camera, integrated 802.11b/g wireless LAN and a 4-gigabyte solid state drive. It has a card reader and ports include three USB 2.0, VGA connector, modem and LAN, headphone and microphone. Battery life is up to three hours.

As to software, the device already features a graphical user interface (GUI), and runs on a Linux-based operating system. It comes installed with 40 applications, including Web Mail, Internet Radio, OpenOffice, built-in dictionary, media player and photo manager.

It also features 14 voice-activated commands. Files made from this device are fully compatible with applications of other operating systems.

The .92-kilogram white device, which is priced way too low compared with high-end notebooks or subnotebooks in the market today, is also part of the company's thrust to bring the technology to sectors of society often left behind and marginalized by the digitalized world.

Intel Philippines business solution manager Carlos Subido said the device will help in democratizing technology, and also serve as a learning tool for children.

“Intel and Asus has been working together to make sure that children and the masses can have access to new technology and the Internet,” Subido said.

CHILDREN may freely have their way, learning and playing, with Asus' subnotebooks.

PHOTOS BY EUGENE ARANETA



THE EEE PC up close

Securing network from internal and external threats

By Raquel P. Gomez

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HIGHLY portable USB data storage devices such as flash drives, whose capacity to store more data is growing exponentially by the day, is great news to people who want convenience in moving and carrying data.

However, this convenience could really spell trouble for a company which handles critical data such as private customer details or other important information, according to Vic Ciencia, manager for systems engineering of Symantec.

Ciencia boosts this troubling scenario with a question: “Imagine the amount and type of information that can be leaked out or stolen by an employee of a bank, credit card company, call center or a telecommunications company via this small USB device.”

Symantec, the Cupertino, California-based company popular for its Norton anti-virus software and a host of network infrastructure management and security software, has launched a product integrated with the essential security technologies that will not only secure the company's network from external threats, but also from internal threats similar to the scenario described by Ciencia.

Symantec Endpoint Protection 11.0 with Symantec AntiVirus through its device control feature can secure the ports in the computer, such as the USB port, to allow the type of peripherals that can be connected to the computer. It locks down endpoints in the system to prevent connections from thumb drives, CD burners, and other USB devices.

The device control is intelligent enough to be able to determine and allow USB devices that may have certain important functions, like a USB mouse or a USB keyboard, as well as to allow only upload of files from a USB storage device,

but not to allow the saving or copying of files in the other direction.

Eric Ho, Symantec's vice president for the South Asia Region, says the landscape for network threats has been changing and evolving dramatically in the past years, with external threats such as “malware” increasing in number for financial gain of the perpetrators, and internal threats that capitalize on the vulnerability of people becoming more pronounced.

“The threat is not only on the system, but from the exploitation of the vulnerability of people. People are the new perimeter. An unassuming friendly e-mail could direct an employee to a website that automatically downloads a Trojan into that person's networked computer, which eventually will be controlled by the perpetrator of that malware.”

Ho says the most common sources of attacks or threats to the network system are laptops, the Internet and VPN (virtual private network) home systems. From the monitoring done by Symantec of e-mails, Ho says 80 percent of worldwide e-mails are attacked by spam, with the Philippines having the second highest percentage of e-mail spam in the Asia-Pacific and Japan.

Symantec Endpoint Protection 11.0, managed through a single console, bundles together six security technologies—anti-virus, anti-spyware, firewall, Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) for the network, device control, application control, and IPS for the host—that aims to protect the network from the different levels of entry.

Its features include a proactive behavioral-based threat scanning that protects against zero-day threats (a malware) and threats not seen before. It does host integrity checking, enforces basic levels of security and has a three-layer network security that does automatic quarantine and remediation of suspected entries.

Touch sensor system enhances LG's Viewty

LG ELECTRONICS WILL SOON introduce the touch sensor system through its LG Viewty, an upgrade of its touch screen technology where users feel a slight vibration on their fingertips whenever they operate the handset.

Touch screen technology serves as an input device for delivering signals generated on the screen to the CPU of a mobile phone user.

The wide screen application contributes hugely to the popularity of the handsets' multimedia function among mobile phone users. “LG has always been about enhancing the mobile phone experience of users,” said Jeff Hong, chief executive officer of LG Electronics Philippines. “With LG Viewty's touch sensor system, users can finally enjoy the ease and convenience of touch screen technology in their mobile phones.”

LG has always been at the forefront of mobile communications innovation.

In 2005, it introduced the touch keypad concept with LG Chocolate, which has so far sold over 14 million units, becoming one of the most successful products introduced by LG Mobile.

It then introduced the touch screen tech-



THE LG-KU990 Viewty allows users to feel a slight vibration whenever they touch the screens.

nology through its Prada phone, which was launched in March this year. It was heralded the most luxurious phone in the market and the most innovative in terms of design.

LG Viewty, a new 5.0 mega-pixel digital camera phone, comes with the most advanced touch screen technology. It has a sensitive screen that may be activated with a mere touch, even when the user is wearing gloves.

LG Viewty will be launched in the Philippines in January 2008.

Verzio introduces world's first 3G dual SIM handset in the country

VERZIO, A REGIONAL 3C (COMPUTING, communications, consumer electronics) brand based in Singapore, introduces the Duplii—the world's first 3G tri-band dual SIM handset in the Philippines.

Its other model, the Twinn, is the world's first EDGE/E-GPRS tri-band dual SIM handset.

Equipped with 3G and tri-band capabilities, the Duplii enables video calls and conferencing, high-speed data access and multimedia streaming, allowing users to freely roam the world and still be in touch.

Duplii also boasts of having the combination of Qualcomm and Philips NXP processors, which are long-life platforms designed for minimal power consumption. It comes with an FM radio and a 2-mega-pixel camera.

Besides its EDGE/E-GPRS and tri-band features, the Twinn is the first dual SIM slider phone in the market. It is also compact in size and offers touch screen func-

tionality. It has a real value 1.3-megapixel camera, and uses a Philips NXP processor.

Haldane's VP/GM, Chris Uyco cites that Verzio handset users can now enjoy the convenience of transferring their complete contact list via PC Sync or “send/receive all contacts” via Bluetooth. Both models can each contain 1,000 names and up to 3,000 numbers. Haldane Phils. is the authorized distributor of Verzio products, along with O2, Sony Ericsson, Canon, BenQ and Siemens in the Philippines.

Duplii and Twinn models come from the same manufacturer of the top 2 mobile phone brands. Likewise, both are registered with the National Telecommunications Commission. After-sales support will be provided by Haldane Phils. and Stanmore Distributions, Sony's distributor in the Philippines.

Verzio is the first regional 3C brand with majority interests owned by a Filipino holdings company.

SUPPORT CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

CASIO

What you see is what you enter.

Natural Textbook Display



THE PIONEER IN NATURAL TEXTBOOK DISPLAY

Natural, easily understandable mathematic displays featuring the same input/indications as textbooks.

Full dot display: Allows the natural input of expressions of the fraction, numerator and denominator can be clearly displayed in 2-Line just as they are written.

Natural output: The calculation results in irrational numbers (which have non-circulating infinite decimals such as $\sqrt{2}$ and π) can be converted to the expression using $\sqrt{\quad}$ or π .

Sophisticated Scientific Calculators Casio ES Series

fx-991ES / 403 functions	fx-82ES / 249 functions	fx-500ES / 253 functions
Integration / Differentiation	Fraction calculations	Fraction calculations
Matrix calculations	Combination and permutation	Combination and permutation
Vector calculations	Statistics	Statistics
Complex number calculations	Equation calculations	Equation calculations
Two-way power	AAA-size (R03) battery	AAA-size (R03) battery

Imitation Product Warning: Repair service and product support is not available to users of imitation or copied product.

AVAILABLE AT: **GLOBALTRONICS**

CM Recto - C.M. Recto Ave., Sta. Cruz Manila Tel. 711-5667

Passy Road - Anand Ave., cor. Ponce St., Makati City Tel. 889-8748 to 49

Paseo City Tel. 6376430 to 32

Filinvest - Festival Supermall, Alibangbang Muntinlupa City Tel. 809-4061

Ortigas - F. Ortigas Jr. Rd., cor. Gamet Rd. Ortigas Center

WESTERN

104 Morito St., San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City Tel. 3734501

178 P. Tizonon, Cubao, Quezon City Tel. 911-6551 / 67 & 64, 912-1829;

913-2577

Tel. 911-6553

Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City Tel. 931-0650 / 931-5069

Tel. 931-0650 / 931-5069

SM Megamall Mandaluyong City Tel. 634-6032, 634-1753

Tel. 634-6032

Basement Level, Sta. Lucia East, Cainta Rizal Tel. 945-8559

Farmers Annex, Cubao, Quezon City Tel. 911-2514, 911-0771

Tel. 911-2514

Tel. 911-2514

Ever Greenway, Rizal Ave. Ext., Caloocan City Tel. 365-5341, 364-5283

Tel. 365-5341

#1035A, B.C.M. Layer Tribuna North Ave., EDSA, Quezon City Tel. 901-2760

Tel. 901-2760

#12 Mission, Greenhills, San Juan Tel. 727-4197

Tel. 727-4197

Tel. 727-4197

Tel. 727-4197

For inquiries please call: **Business Plus**

Manila C/O: Super 301-304 A/C Gold Tower, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Cebu C/O: 54 T. Padilla St., Cor. M.J. Cuenco Ave., Cebu City

Tel. 637-4420-22

Tel. (32) 235-7998

Be on Top of a friendly World.

Come to our Open House
on Nov. 21 (Wed.) and Nov. 23 (Fri.),
9 am to 10 pm,
at the Greenbelt Excelsior showroom,
G/F Greenbelt Parkplace, 112 C. Palanca St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City.



**GREENBELT
EXCELSIOR**



Pre-furnished Units for as Low as

₱12,988 a month

NO DOWN PAYMENT



Whether you're getting around, getting ahead or simply basking in the luxury of your privileged lifestyle, Greenbelt Excelsior makes each day infinitely satisfying.

At Greenbelt Excelsior, experience Makati's glamorous Greenbelt district in a friendly new light. Have intimate knowledge of the city's most charming secrets. From a carefully planned network of pedestrian streets and the fastest routes to work. To a multitude of classy shops and restaurants and exciting leisure offerings. And in the comfort of your lavish home, discover first-rate fitness amenities perfect for healthy recreation.



Choose from executive studios to three-bedroom suites pre-furnished with home appliances and dining/bedroom sets. Greenbelt Chancellor / Greenbelt Excelsior Showroom and Information Centre (Open daily from 9 am to 10 pm) • E-mail: mcdb-saleservices@megaworldcorp.com For inquiries, please call (632) 856-4220 / (632) 856-4221 • Cell No. (0915) 313-7409

Joint Venture Partner:




The CP Group

Developer:



MEGAWORLD CORPORATION

The future is now YOURS with Dell Vostro



Dell Vostro 1400
Intel Core 2 Duo Processor
14" Widescreen WXGA display with True Life
1GB dual-channel DDR2 memory
High SATA hard drive
Wireless Wi-Fi
3.0 Integrated Integrated webcam
Windows Vista
Price starts at
P 42,700.00
Phil-Data
For inquiries, please call 811-2878 or email at sales@phildata.com

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2007

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

B2-1

E-mail: business@inquirer.com.ph Website: www.inquirer.net/business

BUSINESSMonday

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

DO BUSINESS
WITH MILLIONS OF
MOBILE PHONE USERS.

Earn in 8 seconds
with your 1 sqm. space.

Kodak
For inquiries e-mail at kodakkiosk@techtrendscorp.com
or contact Gerlie Palma Gil, tel. no. 810-03-34 loc.430.

Demand for Pinoys on the high seas swells

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

ASK YOUNG Filipinos what they want to be when they grow up and they will likely answer doctor, lawyer and—especially these days—nurse.

Very few will say they want to be a seafarer.

This is unfortunate, considering how Filipinos have made a name for themselves in the international shipping industry.

Ole B. Stene, managing director of Aboitiz Jebsen Bulk Transport Corp., tells the INQUIRER that Filipino seafarers are in demand abroad because of their high level of competency, fluency in English, and ability to work well with different cultures.

"Filipinos have good cultural advantages because they are used to the water and do not find it hard to live together," Stene says. "The ability to speak English is also a huge advantage."

Data from Aboitiz Jebsen, one of the country's biggest providers of Filipino seafarers abroad, showed that Filipino seafarers are the preferred choice of many ship owners in countries like Japan, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, Greece and the United States.

Aboitiz Jebsen alone has 7,000 seafarers in its pool, and they are regularly deployed to 40 different shipping companies. They may be found on all types of ships, from cruise liners to chemical carriers and oil tankers.

The demand for Filipino seafarers will continue to grow,

Stene says, because more ships are being built in different countries, and the shipping companies there will need skilled manpower, especially officers.

He estimates that as many as 8,000 ships of all types and sizes will be built until 2010, spurred largely by the growth in the world economy.

"As much as 90 to 95 percent of cargo worldwide will be transported via ships especially to China," Stene says.

This means good employment opportunities in the shipping industry for Filipinos. And it is to the Philippines' advantage that there are about 90 schools offering courses in marine engineering and marine sciences.

The challenge, thus, is to encourage more Filipinos to consider going into the marine industry and appreciate it as a wise career choice.

For one thing, seafarers enjoy good salaries with even the new hires earning more than their land-based counterparts.

Then the salary goes up steadily as they climb the ranks to become officers after about 10 years in the industry. The going rate for officers hovers at about \$5,000 a month, depending on their experience and qualifications.

Seafarers are also more assured that their families are taken care of because the law requires that 80 percent of their salary is sent to their families.

Stene says Aboitiz Jebsen has



THE SHIPPING industry presents many career opportunities to Filipinos



MANY ship owners around the world prefer Filipino crew

set up a crewing support and family services unit to help take care of the families of its seafarers in the Philippines.

The section organizes seminars, conferences and get-together activities for the families, and provides and processes the benefits of the crewman and his family due from the company and government agencies.

It also runs a website exclusively for Aboitiz Jebsen crew to provide them and their families with another avenue for communication.

"We treat our seafarers as really a major part of our organization, not just a commodity but human capital," he says. "That is why we support them so they will feel that we are all part of the same team."

Seafarers do command a salary premium because the work is not for the faint of heart or weak of stomach.

Seafarers have to prepare themselves to be at sea for months at a time—officers sail out for an average of six months at a time, while crew members spend about 10 months out at sea.

The work can indeed be lone-

ly and they occasionally run into foul weather and even pirates out at sea.

But with the risks come many rewards, not the least of which is a clear career path, not just at sea but on land as well.

As Stene says, leadership and people skills can be applied in land-based jobs when the seafarers say goodbye to the sea. They can train other aspiring marine officers, for instance.

This is the message that the company imparts when it recruits Filipinos to become cadets and train them to become top-quality seafarers.

As of June this year, Aboitiz Jebsen has 175 cadets in training, of which 80 percent are already licensed officers.

Stene says he hopes to keep the seafarers with the company for the long haul so they can take advantage of the continuous training on their way to becoming the type of crew and officers that have made Filipinos stand out from the rest.

There's a world of opportunity out there, he says, just waiting for Filipinos to take advantage of.



Get a home loan with
FREE 19" LCD HD-TV or
a DIGITAL PHOTO FRAME
with MP3 player.

Apply now! Call 631-8000 or
1-800-10-6318000 (Domestic Toll-Free)
or visit the nearest BDO branch or
BDO On-site

COBY.

Promo period: September 1 to December 31, 2007
Terms and conditions apply. See flyers for details.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4334 Series of 2007
Actual item may vary from photo shown depending on loan amount.

Mabigat sa Tiyan
Magaan sa Bulsa

Goodah!!!
Pagkaing good for every - all since 1983!

Hotline Numbers:
640.4237 / 901.1972
www.goodah.com.ph



ATTENTION

Small & Medium Scale Entrepreneurs,
Municipal Health Officers, LGU Administrators, HR Managers, School Principals,
Is absenteeism a frequent occurrence in the workplace?
Are infectious diseases causing these absences?
Do you believe that decreased manpower means less income for you and your staff?

If you answered YES in the foregoing questions, you must attend a seminar to learn more about preventing diseases, eradicating unnecessary absences, & increasing productivity by investing in your people through vaccination

THE UP-NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
presents

"CURING POVERTY THROUGH VACCINATION" Seminar

Guest Speakers

Dr. Josefito Sta. Ana	Sen. Juan Flavio	Dr. Lulu Bravo
Dr. Xenia Fabay	Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan	Dr. Sally Gatchalian
Dr. Yolanda Oliveros	Dr. Eric Tayag	Dr. Anna Ong-Lim
Dr. Madeleine Valera	Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go	Dr. May Montellano

TOPICS

The Socio-Economic Benefits of Vaccination
The Role of National Health Insurance Companies
Vaccine Safety and many more.....

In Cooperation With:



INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY OF
TROPICAL PEDIATRICS



www.Meningo.Org
Foundation



ROTARY CLUB OF
PASAY NORTH

FREE MENINGOCOCCUS, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, HEPATITIS A VACCINES WORTH AT LEAST P2,500

Please call (632) 385-6636 or Fax to (632) 374-7274

Pre-Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
Company _____
Tel. No. _____ Fax No. _____
Email Address _____ Mobile No. _____
Pre-Registration: P1,500.00 each up to November 30, 2007
On-Site: P2,000.00 each
Venue: The Manila Hotel
Date: January 11, 2008

Please fax this registration form at (632) 374-7274 together with the deposit slip to U.P. Manila Development Foundation (UPMDF) with PNB peso account #200830501-6.

RP losing geologists, mining engineers

By Judy Quiros
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—THE COUNTRY'S MINING industry has been booming but how to sustain that growth is becoming a big problem, according to a group of mining engineers.

The Mindanao Association of Mining Engineers (MAEM) said there was a looming shortage of geologists and mining engineers in the country, which would eventually hamper the industry's sustainability.

"We used to advocate for the revival of the mining industry, but now that it is booming, how can we advocate for its sustainability when we are facing a big shortage in geologists and mining engineers," engineer Randy Cadiogan, MAEM board member, said here recently.

Cadiogan said the lack of local geologists and mining engineers has compelled mining companies to hire the services of expatriates or outsiders.

"The hiring of expatriates aims to fill the demand in the light of the booming mining industry, particularly in Mindanao and other potentially mineral-rich areas in the country, Cadiogan said.

Engineer Edilberto Arreza, officer in charge of the Mines Geosciences Bureau (MGB) in Southern Mindanao, said the shortage of geologists and mining engineers could be attributed to the dwindling number of students taking

up geology and mining engineering courses. Engineer Alex Baligod, another MAEM board member, said this apparent lack of interest among students to take up the two courses even led "most institutions to close these curricula."

In the city, only the University of Southern Philippines expressed interest in opening geology and mining engineering courses.

Another problem, MAEM officials said, is that many geologists and engineers are going abroad.

In the case of MAEM alone, 30 percent of its 200 members are now overseas. Filipino geologists and mining engineers working in supervisory levels abroad reportedly receive as much as \$3,000 or about P132,500 a month compared to about P50,000 received by those working in the local mining industry.

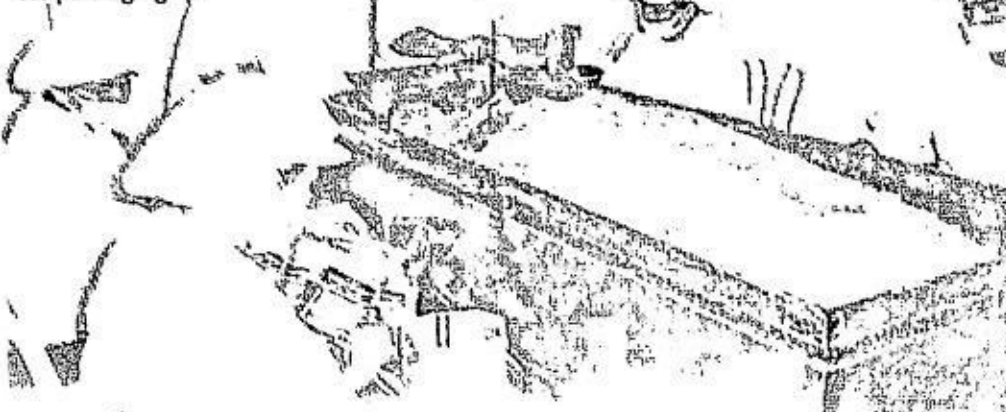
Engineer Luis Castillo, MAEM president, said that aside from the lack of geologists and mining engineers, the mining industry also faces a serious lack of skilled mine workers.

"Only about 10 percent can be considered skilled workers," he said.

Castillo said to remedy the situation, mining companies have developed programs to train people for technical jobs.

"With a booming mining industry, there is a need to address the problem on the lack of manpower to achieve a sustainable mining industry, Castillo said.

MUSCOVADO or
raw sugar ready
for packaging



Making money out of something sweet and brown

By Amy R. Remo

MUSCOVADO SUGAR COSTS ABOUT P60 a kilo in local supermarkets and a hefty P248 a kilo in European markets.

And yet, this healthy, raw brown sugar continues to struggle in terms of increasing production, gaining market access, and creating a niche particularly in health-conscious societies such as those in Europe.

In fact, according to the Philippine Development Assistance Program, muscovado production in the Philippines has been on a downturn since refined white sugar found its way on consumers' tables in the early 1900s.

"Although the trade and industry department sees a bright future for muscovado, production has been alarmingly low and decreasing in recent years as compared to refined sugar," it added.

At the recent Good News Kapihan forum, Agriculture Undersecretary for Special Concerns Bernadette Romulo-Puyat disclosed that, last year, muscovado sugar contributed a measly 0.07 percent to total exports.

"There is a demand abroad for muscovado, which is a premium product, but there is not enough supply," Puyat said.

Puyat added that muscovado is highly in demand in health conscious markets due to growing preference for an "organic lifestyle."

Currently, the country ranks 16th in the production of muscovado worldwide, while Brazil leads the pack.

With this huge, growing demand in the world market, the local muscovado industry is now in dire need of support to expand production and increase exports to lucrative markets such as Japan and Europe.

The notable lack in supply of the muscovado can be attributed to the fact that there is only a small portion of sugarcane plantations devoted to the production of this sugar.

Also, there are only a few farmers who are engaged in its production.

PDAP executive director Jerry Pacturan said that, as of 2005, production of muscovado sugar was estimated to be only at 1.5 million metric tons.

He added that the area planted to sugarcane for muscovado production is very small.

According to the Sugar Regulatory Administration's Appraisal Study 2006, muscovado production covers only 2,701 hectares, or 0.68 percent of the total 396,135 hectares planted to sugarcane.

"Also, about 60 percent of the muscovado sugar produced is exported while the rest are consumed locally," Pacturan said.

He explained that locally, muscovado is used as table sugar and as a processing ingredient in banana chips production. Some also use this sugar to preserve food in place of other additives.

Meanwhile, as of 2005, there were only 2,797 muscovado producers, which is only 5 percent of the 50,000 commercial sugar

planters in the country.

PDAP lamented that, from its prominence in the 1800s, the muscovado has now receded as a backyard industry in the countryside.

Records show that muscovado is being produced in Antique, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Iloilo, Batangas, Negros Occidental, Bukidnon, Davao del Sur, Sultan Kudarat and North Cotabato.

Decades of neglect had resulted in low farm productivity, inefficient milling practices and underdeveloped marketing channels, it added.

PDAP explained that, fortunately for the industry, "growing consumer preference for natural and healthy products [in recent years] provided the opportunity long awaited by this resilient industry."

With the increasing demand for the prime commodity, Pacturan said: "We now have to make this industry work on a national level for farmers to truly benefit from it."

According to Pacturan, muscovado farmers now face several challenges in light of the muscovado boom, which they are now trying to address through the program, Promoting Rural Industries and Market Enhancement (PRIME).

He said that one of the main challenges for farmers is looking for additional lands to plant sugar, which will be processed into muscovado.

Another would be the cost of a regular muscovado mill, which is about P1.8 million.

Muscovado sugar is processed differently than ordinary white sugar since it does away with chemicals and other processing ingredients such as lime.

Pacturan added that getting certification, an important component in the export of the commodity, posed certain problems since some farmers do not see its value.

In a study entitled "Appraisal of the Muscovado Industry," PDAP proposed to expand the land area for muscovado production and to organize sugarcane farmers to ensure access to financial and technical assistance.

PDAP also suggested that production per unit land area should be increased through the adoption of good agricultural practices such as farming techniques on soil fertilization and pest and crop management.

Another critical area is ensuring product quality and expanding market access.

According to PDAP, machines and equipment should be upgraded to comply with globally acceptable HACCP standard.

Meanwhile, to promote market expansion, the development of an industry-wide marketing program is proposed, which is aimed at broadening both domestic and international markets.

Under this program, PDAP said, initiatives could include market matching for export, tapping of commercial attachés, promotions and standards formulation.

Motorola Two-Way Radio Batteries

ONLY MOTOROLA BATTERIES ARE PROVEN TOUGH. BECAUSE "AS GOOD AS" NEVER IS.

When staying productive means staying in touch, you need batteries you can depend on day in and day out. Fortunately, Motorola Two-Way Radio Batteries are proven to be twice as tough as other brands when dropped — and that's just for starters. Whether they're zapped, shaken, frozen, or exposed to heat, you can trust Motorola Batteries to work better and last longer than ordinary replacement batteries — increasing your productivity and keeping your people in touch. It's rugged, reliable proof that you get what you pay for. And it's just another way Motorola puts Seamless Mobility in the palm of your hand. HELLOMOTO™

Buy PHP 2,300 worth of
Two-Way Radio
Accessories and
Get a free T-shirt.*

Promo period is from November 5 until
December 21, 2007



* Available in 4 colors:
Blue - Green - Orange - Pink



Motorola Genuine Outlets:
Metro Manila:
Maximum Electronics & Comm
(02-4112490)

Nextwave Comm., Inc.
(02-3091814)

Onward Comm. & Services
(02-3715177)

Visayas:
Hello Marketing
(032 2533493)

See Posters for details!

MOTOROLA and the Stylized M Logo are registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. All other product or service names are the property of their registered owners. © Motorola, Inc. 2007. All rights reserved.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3823 Series of 2007



The success of one Mosaic



The success of one Mosaic

KL Mosaic. Fueled by the success of the Just a block away from Greenbelt.

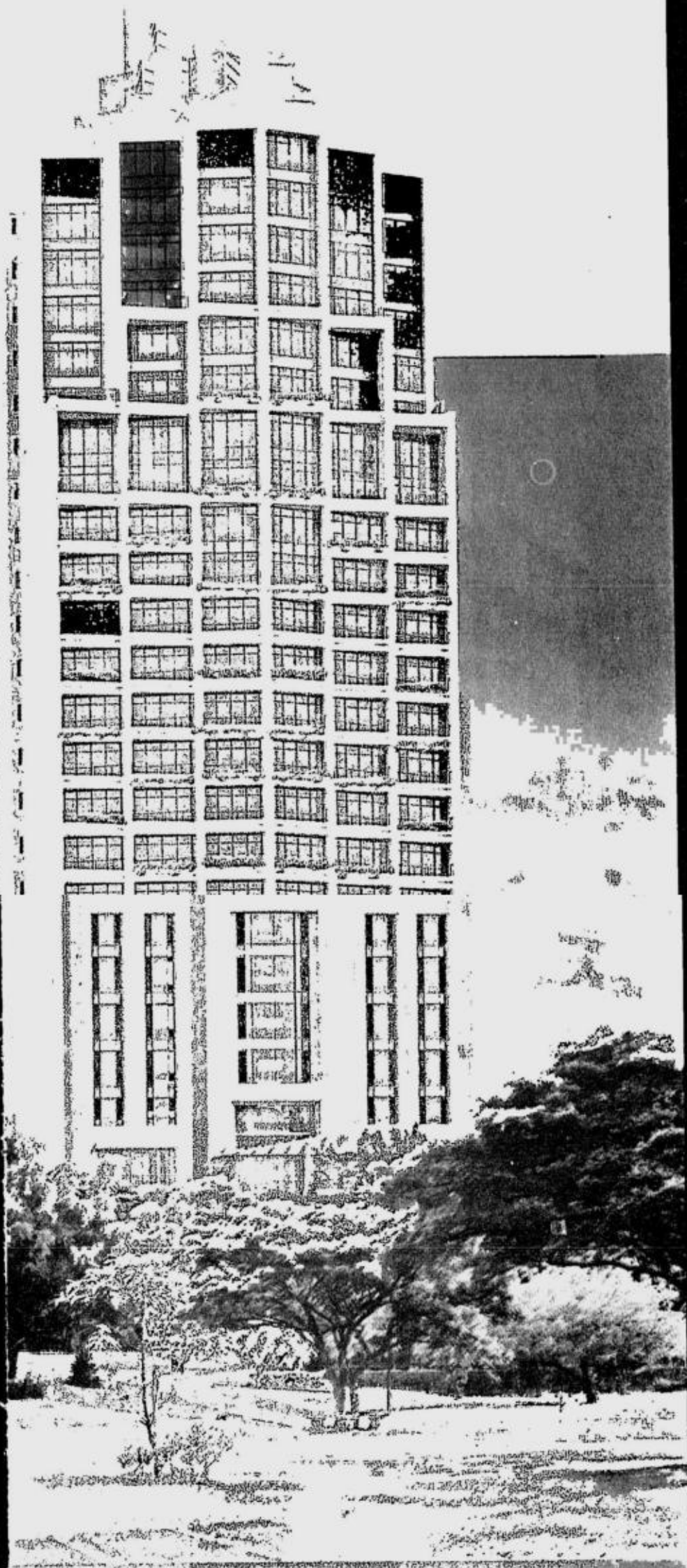
Designed as a unique hexagon shape, its balconies are true picture frames for magnificent views of Makati's two famous parks - Legazpi and Woodland. Amazing views, framed to your taste.

In a class all its own, KL Mosaic promises to be the next center of art and culture. The Biggest Little Room gallery.

Inspired *art-chitecture*, on all 32 levels.

'ART-CHITECTURE' is a unique style and method of design and construction where art is integrated into the built environment—a philosophy created by Brittany Corporation.





deserves another

first Mosaic.

windows that give you the
Washington SyCip parks.

t and style through

egrated

KL•MOSAIC



announcement purposes only

BUSINESS Monday

FARMER with
his harvest of
sugar cane

Making money out of something sweet and brown

See story on page B2-2



FURNITEX
HOME & OFFICE FURNITURE
(Along C-8 before Alameda Plaza)
3rd Floor Reliance Center Building
E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Bo. Ugong, Pasig City
TEL/FAX: 571-1548 ; 571-1547 ; 572-3474 / 8AM - 5PM
CEL. 0917-8850570 ; E-MAIL: furnitexhomeoffice@yahoo.com



SMART Receives Global Award For Breakthrough Mobile Ad Services



(SMART) and its technology partner Zad Mobile, Inc. received Tuesday an innovation award for mobile advertising from the GSM Association (GSMA).

At the Mobile Asia Congress recently held in Macau, China, the "1-in-5 Panalo" promo that SMART had recently implemented for the global cola brand Pepsi was awarded Best Mobile Advertising in the GSMA's inaugural Asia Mobile Awards 2007.

The mobile multimedia platform Mercury™, developed by another SMART technology partner, Netherlands-based 3ple-Media, was also awarded by the GSMA as the Most Innovative Carrier Infrastructure, another category in the association's Asia Mobile Innovation Awards.

Third for SMART

The GSMA is the global trade association for mobile operators, and its citations are considered the Oscars of the mobile communications industry.

Done together with US-based Zad Mobile, the Pepsi promo was one of the most successful promo campaigns for the cola brand, and put the country in the international spotlight as an emerging hotbed for mobile advertising in Asia.

"We are of course very happy and deeply honored, and we thank the GSMA for this award - the third from the GSMA for SMART after SMART Money and SMART Load," said SMART president and CEO Napoleon L. Nazareno.

"This international award highlights the huge potential for innovation that mobile phones offer to the advertising community in the Philippines," said Danilo J. Mojica, SMART's head for Wireless Consumer Division.

"This year's Asian Mobile Awards recognize the sheer pace of progress that's been made right across the region's mobile communication market. Our congratulations to SMART and our thanks to everyone who participated," said Rob Conway, CEO of the GSM Association.

Global, award-winning technologies

With mobile advertising predicted to explode into a billion-dollar global industry in just a few years, SMART had partnered with Zad Mobile and 3ple-Media and invested in award-winning, state-of-the-art systems that are expected to drive the company's mobile advertising efforts. SMART's moves are geared toward jumpstarting the development of mobile advertising in the country.

From 3ple-Media, SMART had acquired Mercury™, a fast, robust, and high-performing technology that allows the cellular operator to harness the richness of multimedia messaging as a compelling tool in the delivery of mobile ads.

Through the Zad Mobile Advertising Platform (ZMAP), SMART subscribers will receive only the ads that are meaningful, relevant, and interesting to them. It provides value and incentives in exchange for their participation. Most importantly, it assures subscribers of privacy and complete control over the choice whether to receive advertisements or not.

Offering convergence and synergy

To advertisers, what this means is a much greater depth of consumer engagement via the mobile phone - a very personal device to more than 50 million actively subscribed mobile users in the Philippines - enabling them to talk to the right people in the right way.

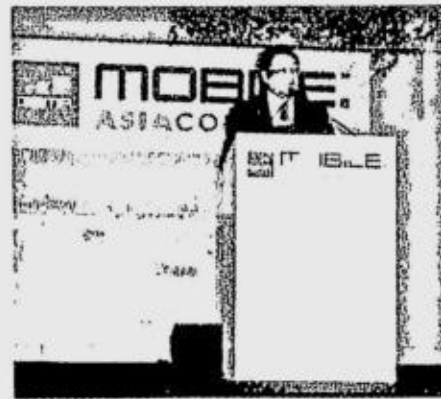
"Operators and advertisers worldwide are taking a closer look at mobile advertising and SMART intends to lead in this area", Nazareno said, "Given SMART's leading position, we will provide the advertising community new tools that can complement very well campaigns implemented in the traditional media. At the same time, we will put in place policies that protect first and foremost the interests of our subscribers."



Officers of Conexus Mobile Alliance, one of the largest mobile alliances in Asia, launched Asia's first-ever pay-per-day data roaming flat-rate tariff plan at the GSMA event in Macau. Fifth from left is Ramonito S. Fernandez, head of SMART's Administration and Materials Management Division.



Shown in photo are (L-R) Nick Wiggins, Zad Mobile's VP for Media and Advertising; Vijay Sundaram, Zad Mobile's COO; Vinchi Cuyegkeng, SMART's Mobile Marketing Manager; Regina Moore, Zad Mobile's VP for Marketing; and Danilo J. Mojica, head of SMART's Wireless Consumer Division.



Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman and CEO of the PLDT Group, SMART's parent company, spoke on increasing profitability through managed convergence at the GSMA Mobile Asia Congress.



Shown in photo taken during the GSMA awarding rites are (L-R) Vijay Sundaram, COO of Zad Mobile; Danilo J. Mojica, head of SMART's Wireless Consumer Division; Bill Gojdo, Chief Commercial & Marketing Officer of GSMA; and Taiwanese actor David Wu, who hosted the evening's affair.

SMART
THE POWER TO LEAD

BUSINESSMonday

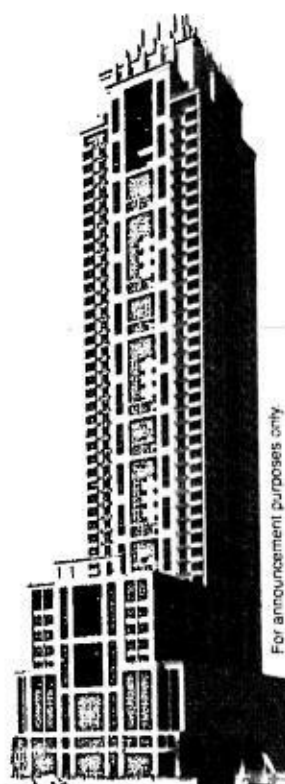


Developer:
SILVER
ICON
Real Estate Sales
& Marketing

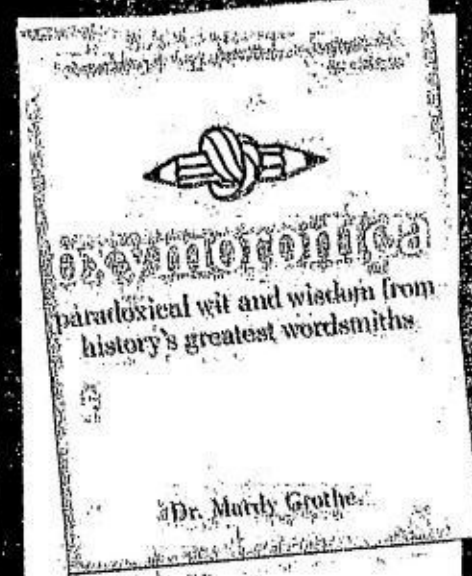
The Infinity—Breaking New Ground

A life of infinite possibilities will
start construction on November 19, 2007.

811-1819 / 0917-8844226
www.theinfinity.ph



Learn from and enjoy life's contradictions



EXECUTIVE READ

"Oxymoronica"
By Mardy Grothe
Harper Resource, 2004

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

IF YOU ARE EXASPERATED BY the forked tongue of our politicians who pass off a "bribe" as a "gift"; or if you can not make sense of a pardoned man not owning up to the crime he was pardoned of, just think of the truth that has come down to us from our forefathers: We live in the midst of contradictions—some good, mostly bad.

Before you get a heart attack, or before you give up on our only country, read this book with a title that is not yet included in the English dictionary: "Oxymoronica."

You've heard Charles Schulz speaking through the cartoon "Peanuts" when a character said: "I love mankind—it's people I can't stand." Or, a refreshing quote from Robert Burton: "A woman smells best when she hath no perfume at all." What about this related quote from Lady Weindermer, which speaks volumes of truth? "I can resist everything except temptation?"

What about this quote from Alfred Smith that dismisses any suggestion of a strongman rule once we get tired of the chaos of democracy: "All the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy."

These are samplers of oxymoronica, which Mardy Grothe, PhD. describes as "a collection of quotations that contain incompatible and incongruous elements."

Profoundly true

They appear illogical or self-contradictory on the surface but, on a deeper level, they usually make a great deal of sense and are often profoundly true, he adds.

Oxymoronica actually is a take-off from "oxymoron."

Oxymoron comes from the Greek word "oxus," meaning sharp or pointed; and from another word "moros," meaning dull, stupid or foolish.

Thus, an oxymoron is sharp dullness or pointed foolishness.

It is usually known only as "a contradiction in terms," but it is also about "a contradiction in ideas."

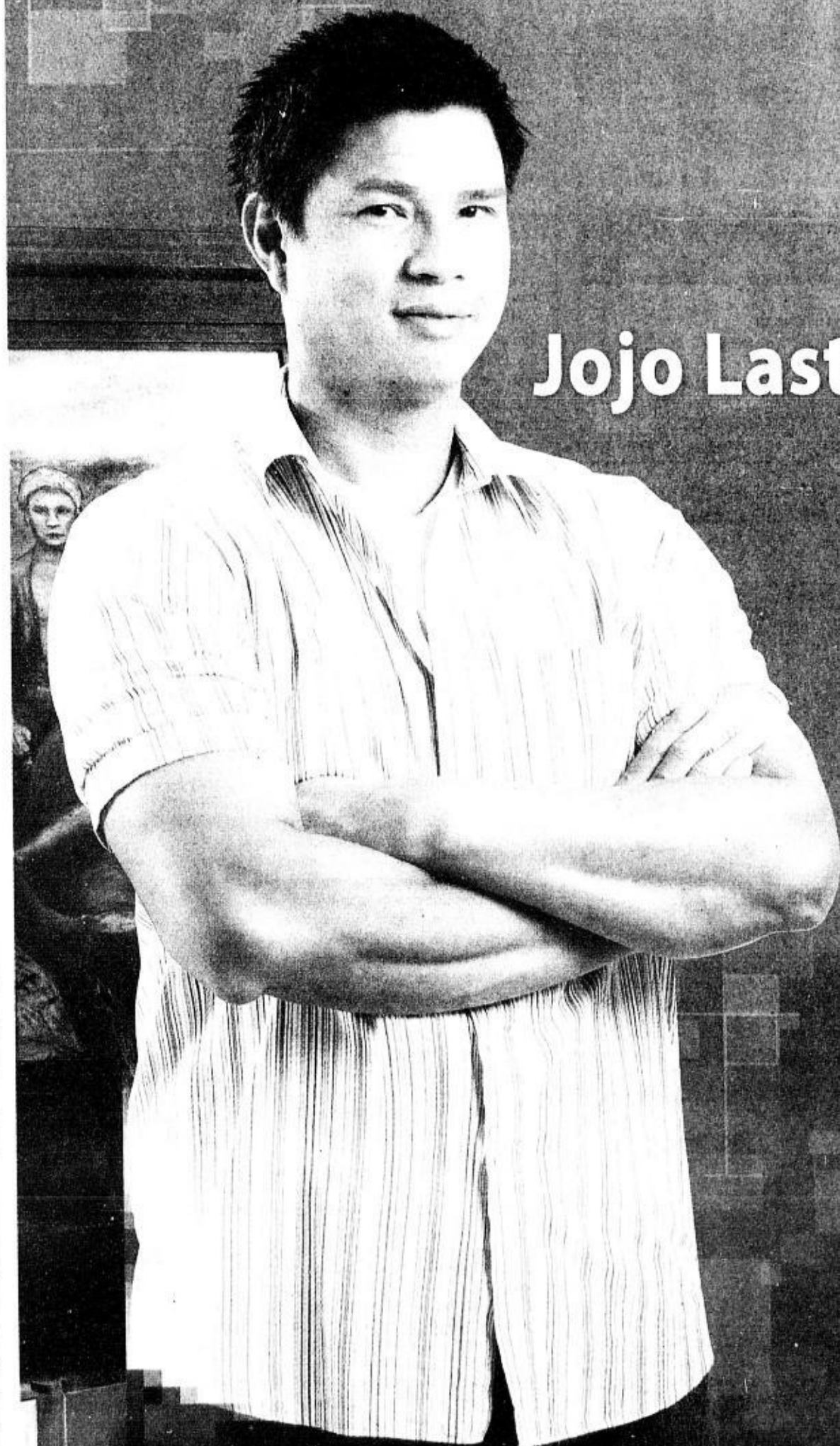
In the area of married or family life, this book offers a lot of quotes that speak the truth in an astonishing way.

An example is this saying by Anton Chekov: "If you are afraid of loneliness, don't marry. It delivers one truth: The worst kind of loneliness comes to people who are, technically, not alone."

Sometimes we call this a paradox, but the author offers oxymoronica as its substitute. This quote has been rephrased and re-

LEARN/B3-3

PBA Superstar. Successful Businessman. What will Jolas be next?



Jojo Lastimoso, 43.
Painter.

I know I can still be anybody I want to be at 43. After being a basketball player and businessman, now I'm dabbling in painting. Really, the only thing that will stop me from pursuing what I want is my own body.

And that's why I take HavitAll. It enhances normal cell regeneration — the body's natural ability to repair and restore itself. It's a process that slows down with age. HavitAll Multivitamins help keep my body functioning at optimum levels. So I'm ready to take on whatever challenge comes next.

So, the next Jojo Lastimoso... could be anybody.

THE NEXT YOU SHOULD
HAVITALL

MULTIVITAMINS & MINERALS
ENHANCES NORMAL CELL REGENERATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19,

BUSINESSMonday

B3-3



MORE PATIENTS
are going abroad to
save on the cost of
treatments.

The
Philippines
can position
itself as an
ideal
retirement
destination

Business opportunities ...

From page B3-2

will work for one to two years then come back to the Philippines who will then send a new batch as replacement. Rotation in the form of fixed employment period will minimize the adverse effects of migration such as shortage of skills for our own health system requirements and the social consequences of family separations.

At the same time, the skills that will be learned from the host country can improve the quality of our healthcare delivery at home. It's a win-win situation and the host countries can continue enjoying the benefits of well-staffed health facilities.

The bottom line is that healthcare is creating new market spaces and is opening up new doors where investments can come in, among them in these two major areas:

1. Infrastructure
 - Putting up more health and wellness facilities that are geographically dispersed over regions already considered as tourist destinations from spas, specialty clinics to hospitals;
 - Expansion of tourist accommodation facilities such as hotels, inns, etc.
 - Establishment of retirement communities including long-term care facilities
2. Services
 - Operation of transportation facilities
 - Schools and other facilities for health human resource development and workforce retraining
 - Operation of boutique travel agencies that cater to this specialized market
 - Operation of companies that can provide telemedicine services
 - Operation of lifestyle service companies

to provide support services

Now is the time to take advantage of opportunities. Through the joint efforts of agencies such as DTT, BOI, Peza, DOT and DOH, investing in health and wellness initiatives are made more attractive through incentives ranging from income tax holidays to tax exemptions on customs duties and importation.

In fact, our hospital, St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center has been recently proclaimed by the President of the Philippines as the first Medical Tourism Special Economic Zone—and our hospital has likewise been approved as the first enterprise-locator in this special medical zone.

Growing market

How then can the Philippines penetrate and seize leadership of the growing market in healthcare?

First, we need an engaged travel and tourism industry fully cognizant that medical tourism is a new game where old rules may not apply.

There is a need, therefore, for new synergies, a retraining of workforce and learning new skills that will allow proper handling of patients' inquiries, complaints and condition.

Second, we need to go beyond great slogans and classy brochures to translate every healthcare service requirement into an excellent experience for the medical travelers from the time of arrival till their exit.

The process flow must be seamless and hassle-free. This means better airport facilities, better coordination between and among government, health facilities and support services.

Learn from and enjoy ...

From page B3-1

vised but tells us something to really think about: Oscar Wilde said: "There are only two tragedies in this life. One is not getting what one wants and the other is getting it."

This has been told and retold, but the latest is: "Beware of what you wish for because you may get it." Simply put, getting what we want is not necessarily the best for us.

"One is to lose your heart's desire. The other is to gain it.—George Bernard Shaw

This quote is not in this book but is in the Book of books: "He who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

In the area of the arts and show business, the book offers a treasure of collections. Begin with what Charles Chaplin said: "What a sad business is being funny!" It sounds like a contradiction, but when you think deeply about the "sadness of a clown," you would comprehend a deeper truth.

On the other hand, Ad Reinhardt has a paradox: "Art is too serious to be taken seriously"—meaning, you can only create art if you have fun.

It's like a good drive in golf, if I may say so: You can only be firm with your grip if you loosen it upon impact on the ball.

This one can be a quote fit as a gift to the Press Secretary, all in the spirit of fun. Noel Coward said: "I can take any amount of criticism, so long as it is unqualified praise."

These two quotes can actually come across as euphemism. These sayings have charm: "I wasn't really naked. I simply didn't have any clothes on" (Josephine Baker). "They were never defeated, they were killed." (French belief on the fate of their foreign legion).

This book also has a collection of devastating insults. An anonymous author said: "Deep down, he's shallow." There is also a wealth of social commentary in these quotes. Who could argue with Charles Maurice de Talleyrand who said: "Never speak ill of yourself! You can count on your friends for that." Mark Twain, ever alert to the perversities of human nature, according to the author, said: "It takes your enemy and friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you."

One brilliant moment in our history was when Vicente Paterno fell asleep during the speech of former strongman Ferdinand Marcos. He was told that he was not doing anything. His reply: "Dozing off in a speech is a statement." G. K. Chesterton said it differently: "A yawn is the loudest shout."

Most fun in the book are what the author called "inadvertent oymoronica"—where the speaker is not even aware of his verbal gaffes. A sampler: A church bulletin said: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals." What!

Samuel Goldwyn, meanwhile, said: "If I could drop dead right now, I'd be the happy-

est man alive."

His equal is Yogi Berra, who said: "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future."

Verbal blunders abound among Americans who should know the English language better.

Former President Gerald Ford once said: "If Lincoln were alive today, he'd roll over in his grave." Oh yes, the book has a lot of blunders from George W. Bush and Dan Quayle.

Oxymoronica is a book that will sharpen your ears and eyes to the contradictions in people's lives and actions. And yet it also tells us that the truths about ourselves are not as clear-cut as we wish them to be.

They come as oxymorons. Upon reading this book, you won't readily say that a person is contradicting himself. He may be saying a powerful truth. (dantemvelasco@yahoo.com)

Third, we must establish track record through consistent performance and delivery. Quality must be a top priority.

It has been said that the healthcare system of the 21st century is a public-private partnership that harnesses the creative impulses of the private sector with the social justice function of the public sector. A public-private partnership has the potential of combining the innovations of the competitive marketplace with the larger social values of solidarity and health justice.

Countries who have successfully positioned themselves in this robust healthcare market leveraging on this partnership went on to reap economic benefits.

The Philippines can likewise become a beneficiary of this niche market.

Beyond profitability, the dollar earning potential of this market offers a unique opportunity to ensure that the gains will redound to the benefit of our countrymen who have poor access to quality healthcare.

The most tangible manifestation will be seen in a bigger budget allocation for health to up-

grade and expand public health facilities ensuring equitable access to quality health services.

With the patronage and business from our international partners and clients, we can make this happen.

Healthcare has succeeded in breaking down barriers and making this planet an increasingly borderless world—because we all realize that at the end of the day, caring, healing, empathy and alleviation of pain recognizes neither color, money, country nor race.

So, expect tourists to go home from their travels bringing not only a couple of Batangas balisong, Cebu keychains or Boracay shirts but also a new hip or yes, a brand new face.

(The article reflects the personal opinion of the author and does not reflect the official stand of the Management Association of the Philippines. Based on a speech delivered by the author at the recent Joint Meeting of Philippine-Japan Economic Cooperation Committee. The author is president & CEO of Health Solutions Corp. and St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center. Feedback at <mapsec@globenet.com.ph>.)

WORLD MBA TOUR™

Manila Monday 19 Nov
17:00 - 21:00
Mandarin Oriental, Makati City

27 of the "Top 30" North American Schools and all top European schools take part in the Tour*
*source BusinessWeek

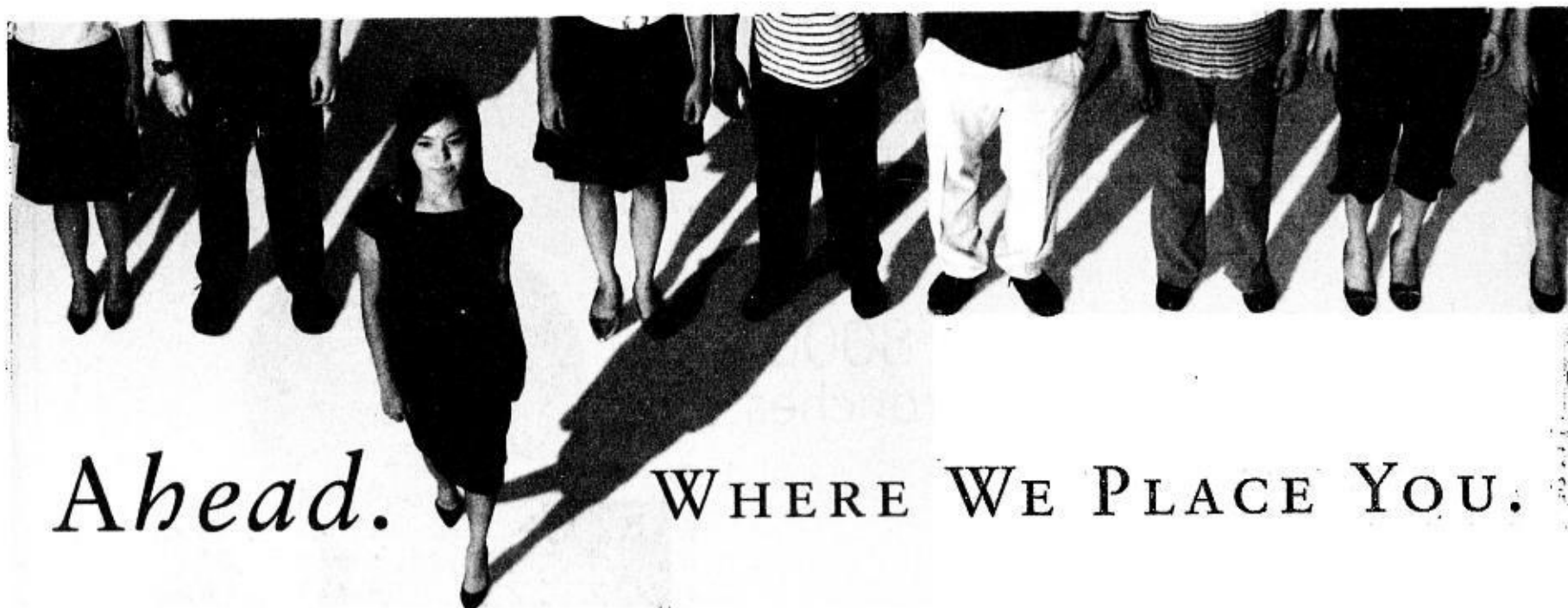
- Pre-Fair Panel "Getting into Business School" (17:00)
- GMAT and Admissions Strategy Workshop
- MBA MasterClass presented by a leading professor
- Free TopMBA Career Guide to first 100 visitors

Meet the admissions officers and alumni of over 50 of the world's top business schools

topmba.com
FREE online / 200 PHP on the day

Some of the participating schools in the QS World MBA Tour:
Australia: Melbourne BS • USA: Wharton • Boston U. • George Washington Hult • Hawaii Pacific University • University of Southern California
Hong Kong: HKUST • HKU • Singapore: NUS • UK: Lancaster • France: IAE Sorbonne
Spain: IE Business School • Belgium: Vlerick • Japan: Waseda • Canada: Brock

INQUIRER JobStreet.com INQUIRER THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



Ahead.

WHERE WE PLACE YOU.

The ATENEO GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (AGSB) is a premier business and management educational institution committed to the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence and service. By enhancing management theory with real-world practices in our programs, we develop business practitioners into strategic and effective managers. By enriching management skills with values in our programs, we nurture business practitioners into professional and ethical business leaders committed to nation-building.

Ahead. WHERE LEADERS PLACE THEMSELVES.



ATENEO GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

ATENEO PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS BUILDING,
ROCKWELL DRIVE, ROCKWELL CENTER, CITY OF MAKATI, PHILIPPINES
TEL: (632) 899-7691 TO 96 OR (632) 7292001 TO 2003 • FAX: (632) 899-5548
WEBSITE: HTTP://GSB.ATENEO.EDU

Business
Leadership
ForumAteneo de Manila University
John Gokongwei School of Management**"More than Just Sand, Surf and Shopping: Opportunities for the Philippines in Medical Tourism"**
Mr. Robert E. Kuan, Chairman of the Board, St. Luke's Medical Center

Medical bills in the U.S. and Europe have risen so high that it now has become cheaper for westerners to fly to the East to seek medical care. Medical tourism has thus become one of the fastest growing global industries. With its pool of highly-trained medical practitioners and worldwide reputation for excellence in patient care, the Philippines is well-positioned to tap this global market opportunity. Find out how St. Luke's Medical Center has taken advantage of the worldwide surge in medical tourism, and how its dynamic Chairman, the legendary founder of the Chowking food chain, has spearheaded its drive to become a top-rated medical facility not just in the Philippines, but in the region.

**"Best Practices and Opportunities in Online Advertising"**
Ms. Rosalind Tan, Senior Sales Manager, Yahoo! Southeast Asia

Marketing messages are everywhere, flooding all the available media, including the internet. Many have tried to tap the online market with limited success. If not done well, your message can get drowned out by the heavy volume of online noise. The rapid convergence of internet services and interfaces has increased the challenges of maximizing opportunities in online advertising. But when done well, the rewards remain great. Find out how Ms. Rosalind Tan, Senior Sales Manager of Yahoo! Southeast Asia has steered Yahoo! to develop tailor-made, interactive solutions for its regional clients, including Nokia, Sony Ericsson, Samsung, HSBC and DBS; and find out how you, too, can successfully tap the young, wealthy and well-educated market that has gone increasingly online.

**"Non-Traditional Ways of Reaching Your Target Segments"**
Ms. Ma. Teresa D. Villanueva, President, AdBoard of the Philippines; Chief Executive Officer, Publicis Manila

With so many brands talking, how do you know if your customers are listening? Ms. Ma. Teresa Villanueva holds the reins at Publicis Manila, the country's largest advertising agency, and shares with us her tips for laser-sharp targeting; making sure that our message does not just stand out in an increasingly congested marketplace, but that it also finds its way into the ears and ears of the market for which it was intended.

**"The Fast and the Furious: Pushing Push-Button Digital Entertainment"**
Mr. Jay Paolo de Leon Adevos, Country Manager, LaNetra Zed Philippines

After "instant", "real time" has become the new standard for digital entertainment and community products. Nonstop innovation and media integration have brought mobile and internet services—from games and sounds to videos and blogs—to the next level. Discover how Mr. Jay Paolo Adevos, Country Manager of LaNetra Zed Philippines, has developed local business for the global mobile network and how he has steered the company to become a high-growth Php1 billion revenue organization. Find out how the wireless community can be a lucrative new market for your company, or how you can use wireless technology to more creatively and cost-effectively reach your existing ones.

**"Using Network Marketing as a Blue Ocean Strategy"**
Mr. Josiah Go, President and CEO, Waters Philippines

Rather than the traditional audience of end-buyers, successful network marketing entails finding the right people to represent your company and your products. Companies can develop strong, profitable niches by creating a network of sellers, whether they be full-time or part-time, without having to spend on mass media. Find out how you can apply network marketing as a Blue Ocean Strategy through best-selling author Josiah Go, President and CEO of Waters Philippines and one of the most successful practitioners of network marketing in the Philippines. Josiah, who has held the position of Chairman of the Direct Selling Association as well as National President of the Philippine Marketing Association, is also the country's only qualified facilitator of the Blue Ocean Strategy from the Blue Ocean Strategy Institute, Insead, France.

**"Helping Overseas Filipinos Find Their Way Home: Marketing Real Estate to Overseas Filipinos"**
Mr. Rex Ma. A. Mendoza, Chairman, Ayala Land International Sales, Inc. and President, Ayala Land Sales, Inc.

The current boom in real estate is now currently attributed to overseas Filipinos who are investing their hard-earned money in the land of their birth. From condominiums to weekend homes, new houses to retirement communities, the opportunities for growth in real estate are booming, and Filipinos abroad have become a major market. Ayala Land is a key driver behind this boom, with its diverse product portfolio and its seasoned and well-travelled marketing team. Get insights on tapping the global Filipino from Rex Mendoza, the key executive leading Ayala's real estate sales and marketing efforts abroad, as he shares his experiences on successfully marketing Ayala Land's diverse projects to the Filipino diaspora.

Richesⁱⁿ Niches:

The art & science of discovering profitable new market segments

Why compete in traditional, oversaturated markets when out there are exciting new and relatively untapped market segments to go after?

Find out how you can get more customers with your own "Nouveau Niche" and be among the first to profit from it. Whether your market is on the worldwide web or standing on the nearest street corner, the affluent forward-thinking OPW or the thrifty, health-conscious American, you'll hear advice and true-to-life marketing experiences of speakers gathered together for the 8th Business Leadership Forum. It's the one chance you will have this year to prepare yourself for generating riches from new niches for your business.

Seminar Fees:

Early Bird Rate: Php 3,900 (if you register on or before Nov. 21)**Regular Rate: Php 4,500**

Group Rate: for every group of five participants, the fifth one gets in for FREE.

For inquiries and reservations, call 849-6911

For online registration and other event information go to
<http://ateneoblfr.registration.ph>

Grand Ballroom, Hotel Intercontinental, Makati City December 5, 2007 Wednesday 8am – 5pm

GE Money Bank

A Savings Bank

DEPOSITS • SME LOANS • CONSUMER LOANS

Free GE Profile™ Ref or Microwave when you avail of a Home Loan

Apply for a GE Money Bank Home Loan from October 1 to December 31, 2007 and get a free GE Profile™ Refrigerator for every approved and availed loan of P1.5 million and above or a GE Microwave Oven for every approved and availed loan of P1.0 million to less than P1.5 million

Call us at (02) 721 8000
or visit participating branches



GE imagination at work

See flyers for details.
Promo Extension Period: October 1 to December 31, 2007
Approved by Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2803 Series of 2007
Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
Maximum Deposit Insurance for Each Depositor P250,000

LIFESTYLE

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

Subsection Editor Lito B. Zulueta

sms feedback: inquirer life name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 386 (Smart) or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

MONDAY ARTS & BOOKS • TUESDAY

Mom, the artist

Elaine Ongpin-Herbosa will have her first solo exhibit at Ayala Museum



By Mia O. Herbosa
Contributor

THEY TELL ME SAGITTARIUS women are strong, fiery and spirited. I should know, I was born of one and I gave birth to another. I'm literally sandwiched between them.

In truth, no one has ever taught me more in life than my 5-year-old daughter and my 62-year-old mother.

My mother is a strong woman. A force of nature, really, not so much physically but more in terms of energy, sheer guts, willpower, drive and determination. I have yet to meet anyone who compares. My child, Lana, is still young, but I already see traces of the divine energy.

God knows we all love our mothers. We see their image constantly evolve in our eyes—from babies who need them in every way, to little kids who idolize their words and acts, to teenagers who want nothing more but to get away from them, and then to young adults who look to them for much-needed advice.

When we become parents ourselves, their image again changes to become more three-dimensional as we relate and ponder the decisions they made at similar points in their lives.

Many a time, we wonder what they would do if they were in our shoes today.

Worlds apart

My mother and I are like night and day. Low-energy and high-energy, yin and yang... I have always admired her, especially the sheer force of power she seems to bring with her wherever she went.

In fact, I always wished we had a sibling after me, so maybe those gifts which were so uniquely hers might be passed down. Sometimes, I think, instead of to her

Whenever two people come together and their behavior affects one another, you have ETIQUETTE - Emily Post

At last! Clear solutions for life's awkward moments. What to do when someone tells a tasteless joke, tips for making small talk, dining savvy, fashion, techno-etiquette: e-mail, fax, text, i-pod, PDA & MORE!

Only 11 in the world is licensed to train The Emily Post's Etiquette Programs. WCT is one of them.

EMILY POST'S ETIQUETTE ADVANTAGE

Program Highlights:
"A 3-Course Lunch Meal Designed to put Learning into Practice"
ASTORIA PLAZA, Ortigas Center (Dec. 1, Sat. 9-1 P.M.)

Reserve Now! Limited Seating.

Wilma Cruz-Tapalla
SPEECH • ETIQUETTE • WRITING
The Pioneer Communications Co.

Greenhills Tels. 723-4118 726-8768 Ext. Classes: Ortigas & Samp. Tel. 387-7417
www.wctcademe.com

Give the BEST gift to your loved ones
...this Christmas!

Metro Gate
Home Series

- Flexible home designs
- Choice locations from South to North of Metro Manila
- House & Lot price starts at P500,000
- Available thru In-House, Bank & Pag-IBIG Financing Schemes

MOLDEX
Literally Marketing, Inc.

North/East Project Locations

Quezon City, Valenzuela, Bulacan,
Marikina, Meycauayan, San Jose Del Monte,
Antipolo, Angeles, Pampanga

(02) 373 - 7391
373-8888 loc.628



CALL NOW!

South Project Locations

Cavite, Laguna, Tagaytay

(02) 536 - 0087
522-7777 loc. 155

IABC/PHILIPPINES and AHEADPRO
International Association of Business Communicators and AHEAD PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

jointly offer

A COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

make sure your team produces clear, persuasive, and excellent business correspondences

Includes intensive Business Writing Workshops, Grammar Review, Conversational English, English in Customer Service, Accent Neutralization, Business Presentation Skills Workshops, and English Proficiency Tests

Register your company TODAY!

482-5420 • 433-9300 • 396-1999 • 0917-5009099
iabc_philippines@yahoo.com • pro@aheadph.com

Get Rid of 'Bulbi' Fast!

The Orange flavored drink to lose weight
...now in the Philippines

Hydrotrim
The Orange flavored drink to lose weight
...now in the Philippines

"With Hydrotrim I lost 2 inches around my waist in just 6 weeks"

Just 2 cups per day for 6 weeks and you can see the difference.

- No more sugar & carb cravings
- Reduces fat production
- Speed-up body metabolism

Hydrotrim Hotline: 894-11-11
Email I.D.: hydrotrim.php@megawecare.com

MEGA



Outside,
the nightly traffic
roars and rumbles.
A dog barks at the cat
he will never catch.
A neighbor yells for
her son to come home.

You open a bottle
of Novellino.

Suddenly,
your place becomes
the most romantic
of settings.



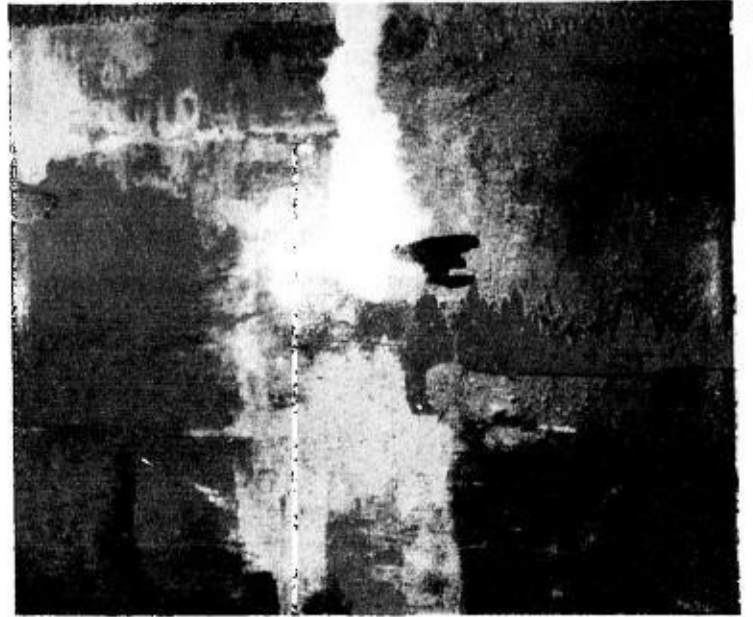
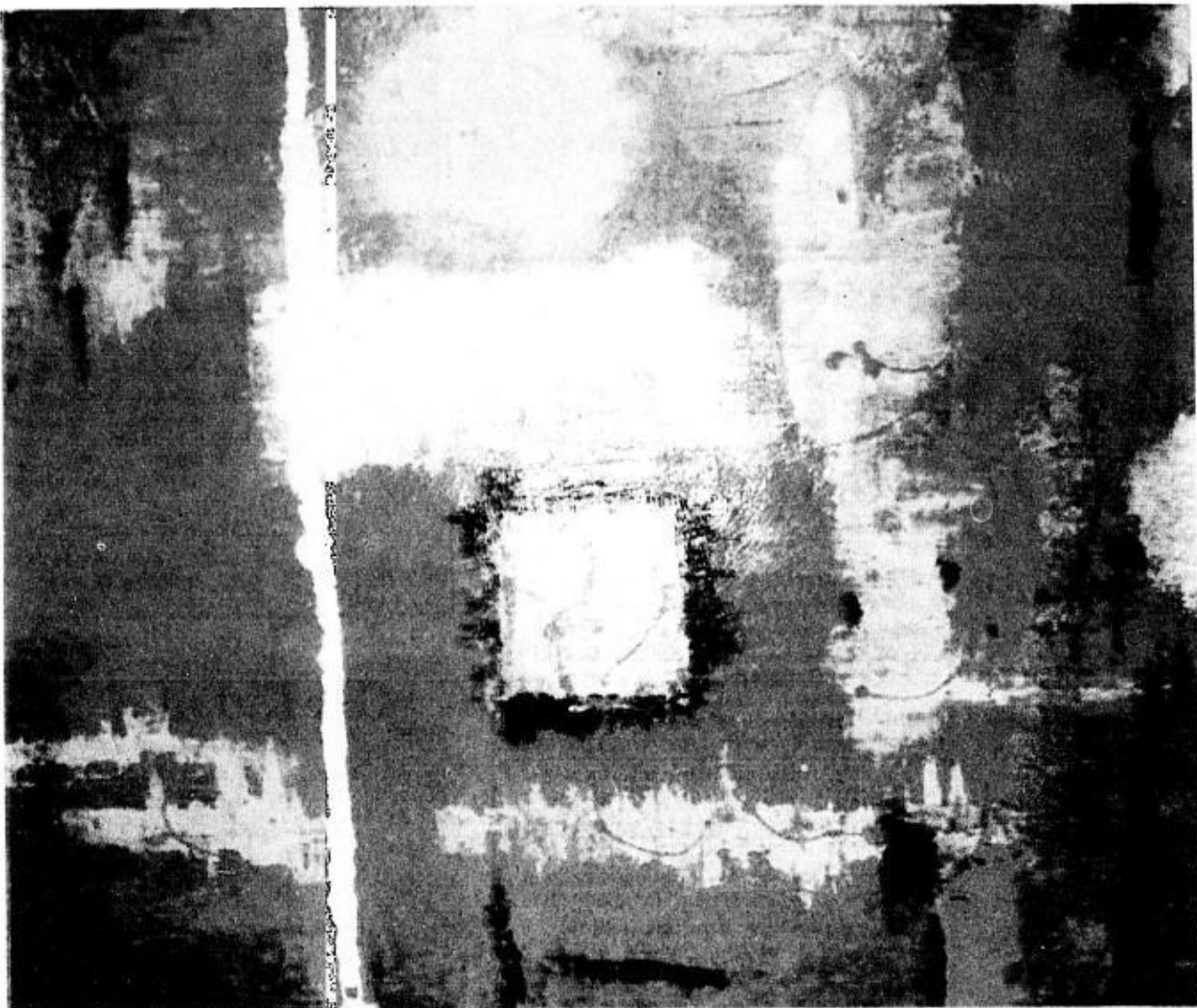
Novellino
One sip and love begins

NAGARAYA
the healthy CERRUNNECH

0% TRANSFAT
CHOLESTEROL
CRACKER NUTS

Aaron Bautista poses a problem to the viewer as his abstract artworks can also be seen as figurative

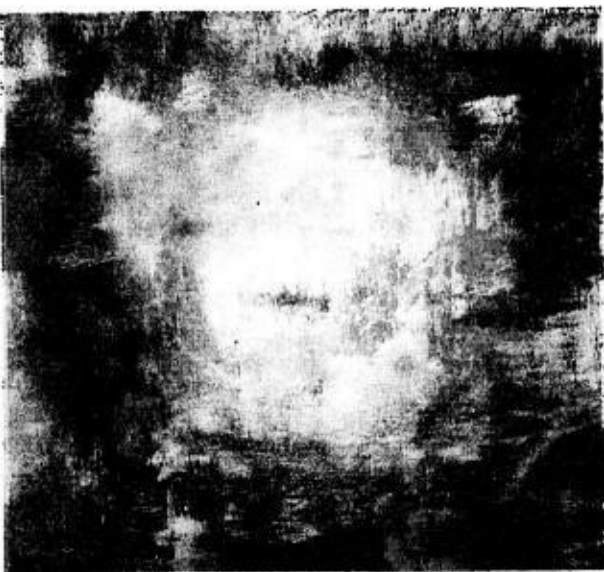
"CHROMESCAPE Series (Red)"



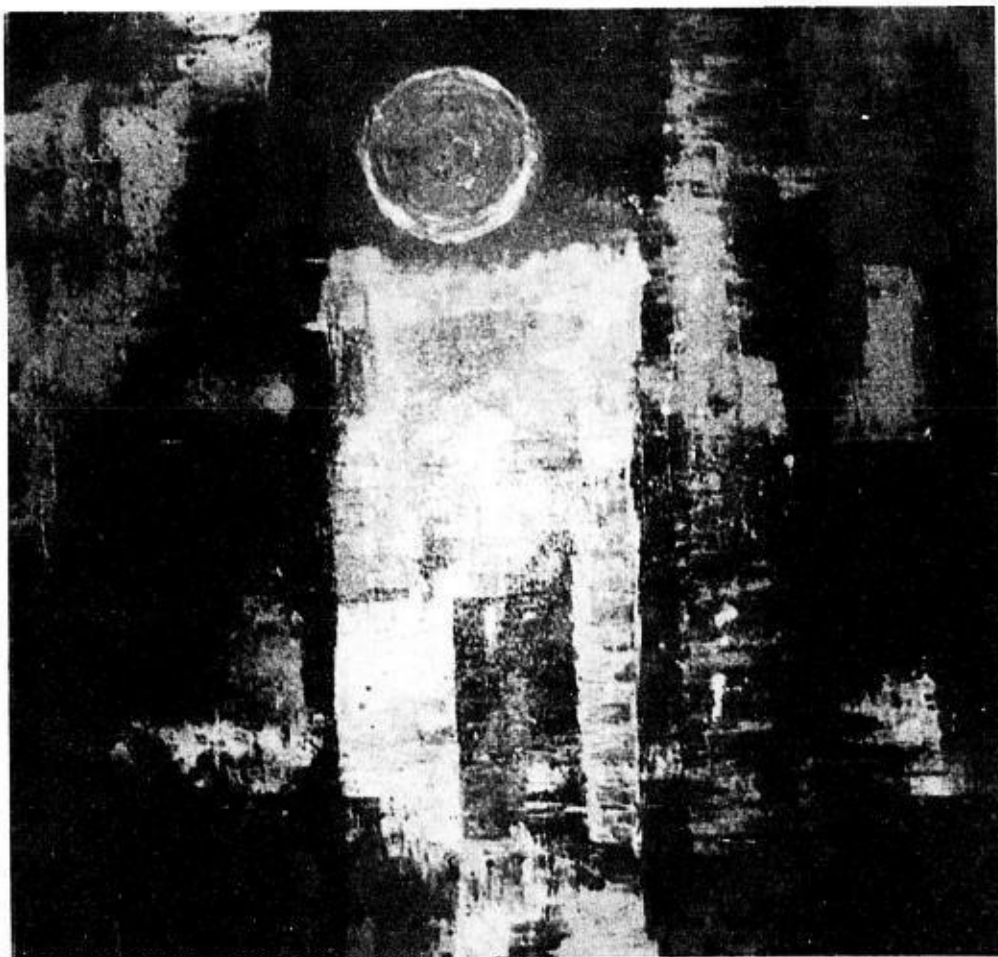
"CONCRETESCAPES Series"



"CONCRETE Perception"



"FIELDS of Gold"



"CHROMESCAPE Series (Blue)"

Subverting Nonobjective Art

By Constantino C. Tejero

WE KNOW NONOBJECTIVE Art does not attempt to represent the form of objects as they appear in nature. That is, the artwork does not contain anything resembling, portraying or representing objects known in physical nature.

Instead, while stressing the formal aspect of art, the abstractionist "emphasizes lines, colors, generalized or geometrical forms, especially with reference to their relationship to one another."

It is the core of this concept that Aaron Bautista somewhat subverts. As abstractionist, he does stress formal relationships in his paintings, but then he poses a problem to the viewer as his abstract can also be seen as figurative.

Consider his second solo exhibit "Concretescapes," pieces in mixed media, in The Second Gallery, 217 Doña Aurora St., Angono, Rizal.

By the exhibit's title, we take it that the artist is portraying the highrises and vehicles clogging the Big City, or the building constructions going on in urban areas, or even the "progress and development" encroaching on the small

town and suburbia.

The artist says his materials, at least, are "part of that industrialization theme." He uses oil paint on burlap and spreads it with Versatex mixed with textural elements such as sandstone to attain the patterns he desires.

His color tonality ranges from the bold and bright to the muted and neutral, from warm to cool harmonies. In the "Concrete Perception" series, it is gray, white, black, slate-blue, maroon.

In the "Concretescapes" series and the "Chromescapes" series, the canvas is saturated with primary and secondary colors, often brilliant blue, vivid red, searing yellow.

It is here where the confusion of the figurative and the abstract occurs. For all the splattering, daubing and layering of pigment in the pictorial frame of "Fields of Gold," we espy a bird's-eye view of a sun-streaked meadow.

That yellow disc on the upper portion of "Chromescape (Red)" could be nothing but the sun. And shouldn't we see as well the blue disc in "Chromescape (Blue)" as a blue moon? Or could it be our lonely planet whirling silently in space?

Maybe we're just seeing things where there is none? Granted there is none, but what about these paintings' titles, if they don't suggest representation? If nothing

else, we are seeing pigment on the wall.

While artists like Eghai Roxas and Alfredo Liongoren may mix the representational and the non-representational in a piece, Bautista's is at once representational and nonrepresentational. In this he is practically undermining the principles and character of Nonobjective Art.

He is, of course, not the only one working in this mode. We can cite Ruel Caasi, Roberto Robles, Henri Cainglet, Lindslee, Jojo Austria, Cobie Cruz, Rico Lascano, in certain phases of their respective art-making.

Bautista says that in this exhibit he has been inspired by the lyrical abstraction of Edwin Wilwayco. But we see points of similarity only in their use of color.

The older artist is also into pattern-making, yet his swirling brushstrokes, swelling curves and flowing lines create an illusion of spontaneity. On the other hand, the rigidity of lines and regularity of his jagged patterns undercut whatever spontaneousness Bautista aspires to.

A fresh graduate from the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, Bautista is a member of the now-controversial Neo-Angono Artists Collective. It is in these young blood that we see the rebellious streak that always enriches art in any form.

Mom, the artist

From page C1

own children, her gifts be passed down to the generation of her grandchildren.

Born Dec. 19, 1944, Elaine Ongpin, wife of Pocholo Herbosa, mother to Al and Mia, is the youngest daughter in a brood of seven produced by the union of Luis Ongpin Sr. and Lourdes Velayo.

The marriage produced individuals of extraordinary intellect and larger-than-life characters. All my life, I've heard the words Midas touch whispered around her.

Growing up in her shadow, I knew her power was almost palpable. Everyone knows the book "The Secret."

Well, my mom just recently read it and said she already knew all those things as if she had written it. I saw the film when living in New York last year. I thought of her throughout.

This is mom, especially the prosperity part. One example was how our house was never the same whenever I came home for yearly vacations from the United States. Either the furniture was different, or the rooms were different, or the garden was new, or the house changed. Or the latest development—a thriving painting school/gallery in our home.



THE AUTHOR with mom Elaine and daughter Lana

When I was 7, my mom taught me the song "Que Sera, Sera." She even taped my voice with one of those old recorders while singing it.

Yes, that tape provided us with much laughter. I knew then I could never be a singer no matter how much I felt for

the song! I know now it was her way of teaching us that life is what you make of it. "Que sera sera, whatever will be, will be."

You see, Mom kept herself ever evolving, ever growing. There was always more to do and learn. Her first job after college was as an art teacher in Baguio. In the '70s, she was one of the first women on the floor of the old Manila Stock Exchange in Binondo.

In the '80s, she was a top insurance agent for PhilAm Life, plus we had that painted woodcraft business. She always had a "workshop."

Then always our kitchen had *ensaimadas* popping out of the oven. Here she was, a baker, too.

Her schedule was always full but she still had time to prioritize our summers for traveling, she always said it was the best kind of education she could give us. And it was.

In the '90s, during the real-estate and stockmarket boom, there was Mom again in the thick of things.

My *ninong* Jimmy used to kid, "If you think Bobby and I are smart, wait till you meet my sister Elaine." I know Mom liked that.

In 2004, Mom was well on her way



"IN THE Studio L'arc en Ciel"

to becoming an artist. Shortly before turning 60, she almost died of dengue fever.

I recall this was probably one of the most horrifying four days in our lives. Thank God she pulled through after six bags of blood transfusions, and with her indomitable spirit pulled herself up and concentrated all her faculties in the expression of painting and art.

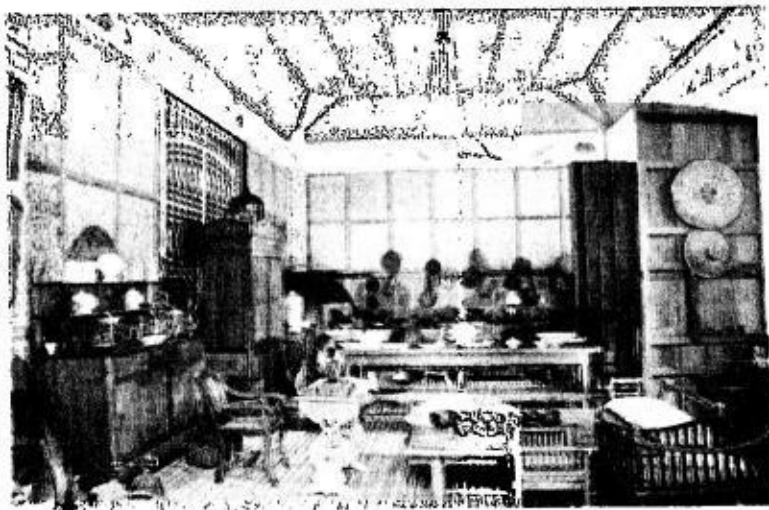
She dove into the world of visual expression and communication and immersed herself in a world of vibrant

hues. This is Elaine's life now, painting and teaching art, sharing her ideas of color and beauty. As I said, ever growing, ever evolving...

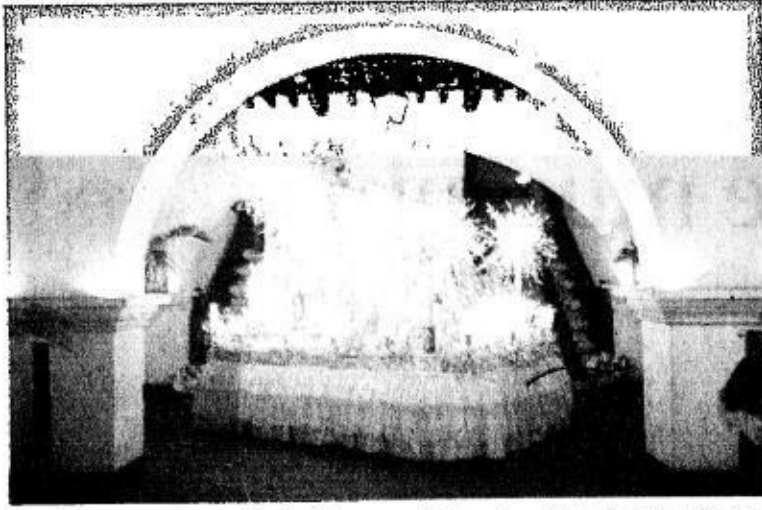
On Nov. 22, she will have her first solo art exhibition at Ayala Museum, "Rainbows in My Life."

Mom will always be looking for the pot of gold at the end of each rainbow and enjoying her journey of colors with everyone to share.

This is Elaine Ongpin-Herbosa today, the artist, instructor, creator.



EVERYTHING needed to feed a large family and its retinue of helpers is found in this replica of a 200-year-old kitchen.



RESPLENDENT Panlilio family carosa being wheeled out of the Museo for the La Naval procession held on De La Salle Dasmariñas campus



STATUE of St. John Baptist De La Salle, Bro. Andrew Gonzalez's last gift to the school before passing away, joins La Naval procession.

Very unique house museum

From page C4

Intricate architectural details superbly carved on tropical hardwood, set off meticulously hand-painted wall and ceiling panels in period colors and patterns, backdrop antique wooden furniture of superb quality, each piece a testament to Philippine craftsmanship.

Tables set in preparation for banquets are covered with diaphanous linen as the backdrop for fine china, crystal and heirloom silver. On the tables are silver paliteras (toothpick holders), Philippine sweets in crystal candy bowls, while pastillas wrappers hand-cut from the thinnest papel de japon tissue cascade from plates.

Quality and comfort

Its collection of heirloom furniture from the ancestral homes of the Panlilio-Santos Joven and Arnedo-Gonzalez families of Pampanga boasts of rare pieces made by Ah Tay, the Manila master furniture-maker of Chinese origin; traditional furniture and bed linen from the Spanish colonial era; and other objects that added quality and comfort to life two centuries ago.

Everyday life is seen in the bamboo-floored kitchen where cooking utensils, baskets, bowls and tubs tell the story of what it was like to feed a large family and its staff in those days.

The centerpiece of the Museo collection is the chapel with its magnificent silver altar and religious icons, once at the Panlilio-Santos Joven house in Bacolor, that now occupies the central portion of the exhibit space.

At Museo De La Salle, one comes to a museum, not a house, and immediately imbibes the grandeur. If the Museo structure were to have been lived in as a house, it would have been a house like no other in the country.

Philippine civilization

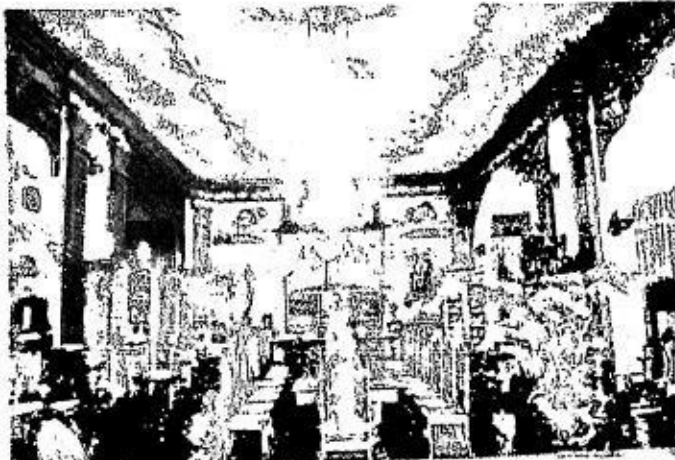
The setting puts on view Philippine civilization at its highest level, lifestyle, and the high level of artisan craftsmanship that illustrates excellence in Philippine achievement during the Spanish colonial era. Every object in the house shows the best the Philippines can offer.

For history aficionados, researchers and designers, Museo De La Salle has what probably is the best Philippine decorative arts collection in the country, having finally evolved into the educational facility that Bro. Andrew envisioned a decade ago.

The Museo is the transplanted reality of two Pampangueño families, Panlilio-Santos Joven of Bacolor and Gonzalez-Arnedo of Sulipan.

Over a decade ago, the Panlilio-Santos Joven family faced reality and arrived at the brave decision to literally pull up its roots from under meters of lahar dumped on their ancestral home by the Mt. Pinatubo eruption.

They removed their personal belongings and furniture, dismantled their house, and accepted the invitation of Bro. Andrew to set up Museo De La Salle with the outstanding Panlilio family collection as its core, augmented by the exceptional heirlooms of the Arnedo-Gonzalez family.



THE FINEST china, crystal and silver are set for a banquet on the long dining table.

Educational value

The museum collection has been substantially enriched over the years through bequests or loans from individual collectors which ensure the expert care of their objects in the years ahead, and, more importantly, recognize the educational value of the object itself as it joins the Museo collection.

Museo De La Salle recently entered into an agreement to house the Guevara Collection of lowland Spanish colonial artifacts which includes agricultural implements, furniture, kitchen equipment, and other objects of everyday use.

Definitely worth a visit, Museo De La Salle is a museum with a collection like no other. For more information, bookings or directions on how to get there, call 8447832 or 8449116 loc. 3151.

E-mail feedback to pride.place@gmail.com

'Kulay ug Kalinaw sa Mindanao' at Met Museum



"ANG TRABAHO Moy Pasultion (It Is the Work That Matters)," by Celso Pepito



"GIRL in Malong," by Rachel Holazo

AN EXHIBITION SHOWCASING ART AND peace in the Mindanao region, "Kulay ug Kalinaw sa Mindanao," opens in the Upper Galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila Nov. 15, 3 p.m.

This exhibit gathers artworks that have bearing on the history of conflict and peace settlements in Mindanao; stories of peace, related themes and values; traditional rituals on peace settlement; and symbols and icons associated with peace.

The works of Mindanao's homegrown talents will be highlighted, such as National Artist for Sculpture Abdulmari Asia Imao, Ib'n Saud Salipyasan Ahmad, Brando Arevalo, Nonoy Arevalo, Errol Balcos, Wilman Bastasa, Joel Geolamen, Juni Grapa, Rachel Holazo, Kurt Lluch, Ivan Macarambon, Raymund Malicay, José Olmedo Martinez III, Cocoy Paano, Jun Pamisa, Celso Duazo Pepito, Didi Romano, Reynaldo Su, Eddie Tabancura, Jericho Valjusto Vamenta and Rameer Tawasil.

Performances of the Alun-Alun Dance Circle and Nick Aca will be featured during the exhibit opening. The show runs until Feb. 2. Call 5211517 or 5237855, or log on to www.metmuseum.ph.

The Metropolitan Museum is at Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Malate, Manila. The museum is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



"ARMM-TRICYCLE" I, by Rameer Tawasil

Esteban is international education for the Filipino.

A low teacher-student ratio makes for a very close, nurturing and hands-on approach to an already impassioned student-centered curriculum.

Call 887-6391
or 844-9913/15

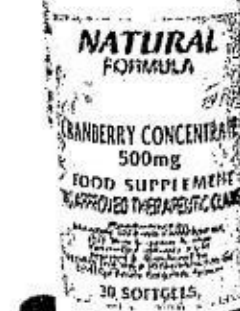


HIGH SCHOOL, GRADE SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL Enrollment Ongoing.

Natural is Healthy...

CRANBERRY CONCENTRATE 500mg Softgel (Powerful Anti Oxidant)

- Young healthy women should have a daily intake of 1 to 2 softgel a day
- Powerful protection for healthy urinary tract and UTI prevention
- Good source of Vitamin C
- Aids in the recovery from stroke
- Prevention of oxidative stress in the risk population



BFAID FR. NO.: 61050

NATURAL FORMULA VITAMINS INTERNATIONAL
For inquiries call Tel. no.: (044) 794-1277 Fax no.: (044) 794-3831
email: naturalformula@yahoo.com
Available at all leading drugstores nationwide.
Natural formula products are non-prescription, over-the-counter vitamins & food supplements.



Cathay Pacific presents Hong Kong Disneyland Travel Packages Buy 3, Get 1 Free!

Extra Benefits:

- 1 advance Disney's FASTPASS[®] per person
- Disneyland 2-Day ParkTicket
- Early Check-in and Late Check-out at hotel

Airfare + Hotel + Park Tickets

Hong Kong has always been a wonderland for visitors, with its many exciting and diverse attractions. From now till 31 January 2008, Cathay Pacific is offering a "Buy 3, Get 1 Free" Hong Kong Disneyland Package when four of you buy together. Included are airfare, park tickets and accommodations at either of the two Hong Kong Disneyland themed hotels. For details, contact your travel agent, call us on (632) 367-0888 in Manila, (632) 231-3747 in Cebu and (6382) 222-8901 in Davao or visit www.cathaypacific.ph

CATHAY PACIFIC
www.cathaypacific.ph

Supported by



HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD
www.DiscoverHongKong.com

Sales period ends 31 January 2008. Other terms and conditions apply, please see flyers for more details. Per DTI NCR Permit # 6232 Series of 2007.

PRIDE OF PLACE
Augusto Villalon

Very unique house museum

ENVISIONED BY THE LATE Bro. Andrew González, FSC, former DLSU president, as an educational museum reflecting the vanished Spanish colonial lifestyle, Museo De La Salle on the sprawling Dasmarinas, Cavite, campus started 10 years ago, housed in a modern-day replica of the traditional *bahay-na-bato*.

It could have been just another of the many house museums existing

in the country. But it has carved an identity of its own.

The Museo, an imposing *bahay-na-bato* far larger in area and height than the traditional house, is so authentic-looking that it fools the eye because of the original antique materials and architectural details incorporated into the structure. It is actually a purpose-built replica of a typical period house transposed to a scale grander than the ordinary,

which uplifts it from residential to palatial.

And palatial the museum is without question. Its succession of enormous rooms whose doors, windows and ceilings almost double the height of the normal, contain an outstanding collection of rare Philippine art, furniture, furnishings, decorative art and fashion from the Spanish colonial era.

VERY UNIQUE/C3



GIRL'S room, with tendril-framed pink walls, displays objects a lass of the era might have had.

PFIZER LAUNCHES ALAGANG SULIT

FAST turning into a common catchword, the term *sulit* has often been misconstrued for cheapness and affordability. With its latest patient support program, Pfizer aims to reinforce the true meaning of "Sulit."

This is the rationale behind the *Alagang Pfizer, Alagang Sulit* campaign, internally launched in May 2007 and recently unveiled to Filipino doctors and the public through print media and radio.

Alagang Sulit follows the success of the two-year *Dapat Sulit* campaign, which produced the award-winning *Kasal* television ad. Using the tagline "*Dahil mahalaga ang buhay, ang gamot dapat sulit*," the Pfizer campaign also included a series of symposia on what pharmacoeconomics actually means.

Pfizer Medical Director Dr. Anthony Leachon says, "We want to communicate what pharmacoeconomics really is. People have this false perception that it is about comparing prices when what it

actually means is comparing benefits. We wanted to communicate what goes into every Pfizer pill that a patient purchases—from the clinical evidence to the assurance of quality and down to the patient care program that comes with it. Taken together, this makes for a higher value for a Pfizer medicine over other alternatives."

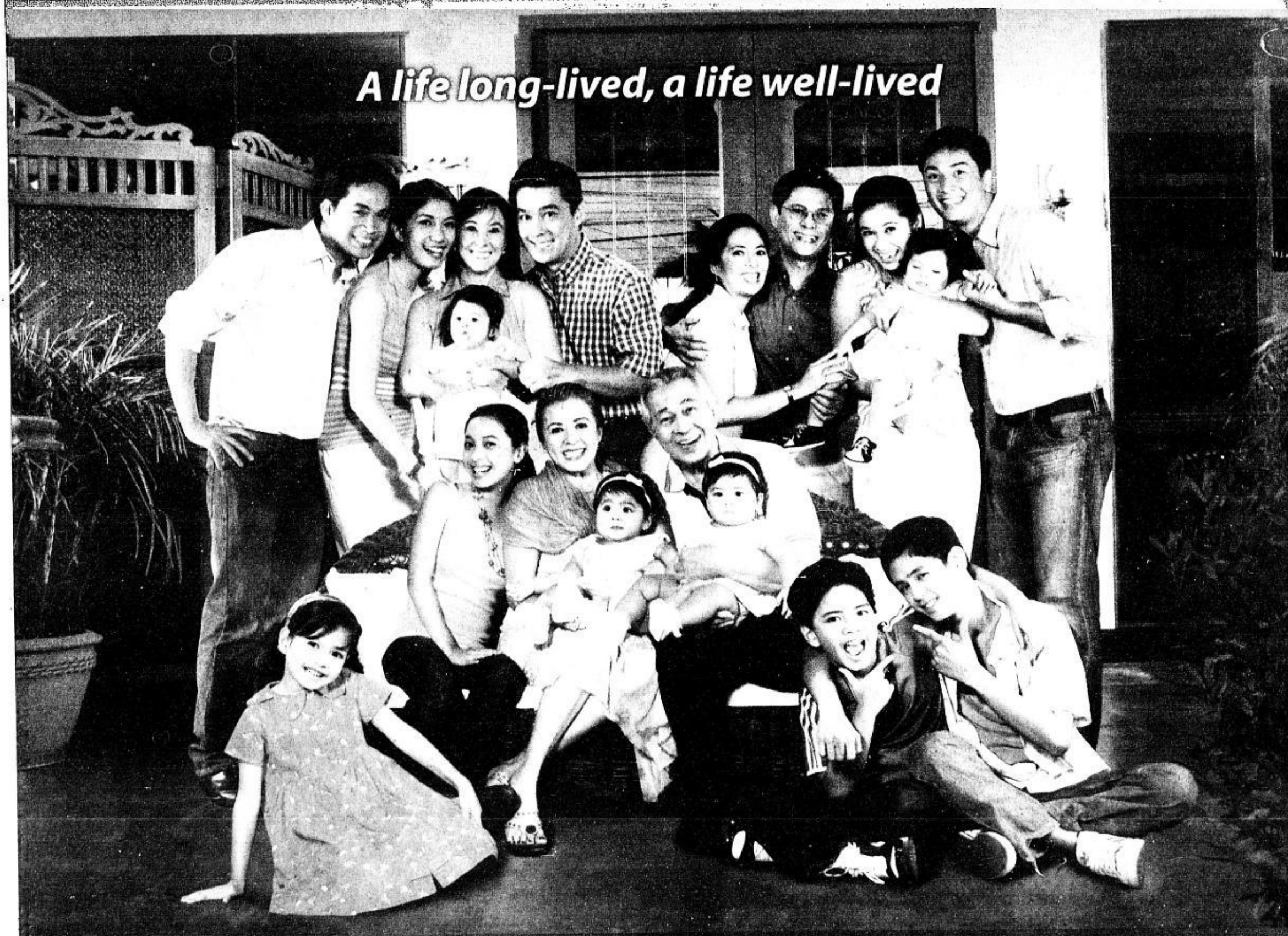
Alagang Sulit goes beyond explaining true value but introduces Pfizer's system of patient management. This system involves offering benefits to Pfizer patients on Pfizer maintenance medications to improve therapy adherence, building customer relationship through Pfizer's in-house call center and providing educational materials to patients to help them better understand their disease.

Dr. Leachon adds, "We believe that outcomes will be better if both doctors and patients are engaged in disease management. This is the value-added service that Pfizer patients receive: we don't

just make medicines, we are interested in the long-term health outcomes of our patients, which can only be achieved by helping them understand their disease and adhere to prescribed therapy better. Pfizer has one of the more comprehensive patient programs, which distinguishes Pfizer's "Alaga" as value-laden, and relevant."

In partnership with the country's healthcare providers, the doctors, Pfizer undertakes patient care programs that offer meaningful solutions to health care quality and cost problems associated with chronic diseases. These programs provide enrolled patients with health information, health maintenance reminders and medicine compliance support. It is Pfizer's way of supporting patients who wish to actively overcome roadblocks to better health management.

ADVT



Salamat sa Maykapal, sa tulong ni doktor at sa alagang binibigay ng Pfizer Patient Care Program.

For Lolo Pio and Lola Salud, holding their first great-grandchildren marked a milestone in their lives. After all, they surpassed the normal life expectancy of heart patients like themselves. It helped too that Lolo Pio and Lola Salud have been under the care of Pfizer Patient Care Program all these years.

Sa Pfizer, naalagaan sila ng mga gamot na subok, mabisa at binuhusan ng research. With Pfizer Patient Care Program, patients are educated on their disease and taught how they can achieve a healthier lifestyle. The birth of their great-grandchildren is but the beginning of more memories to come. Lolo Pio and Lola Salud are definitely living lives that are not only long-lived but well-lived as well.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT THE PFIZER PATIENT CARE PROGRAM TODAY.

Alagang Pfizer. Alagang Sulit. 



WITH EUGENIE Teo, gallery owner's wife

GALLERY
owner Allan
Teo, Maria
Lumem B.
Isleta, minister
and consul
general of the
Embassy of the
Philippines;
Philippine
Ambassador to
Singapore
Belen F. Anota,
and Robert
Bjorn Santos

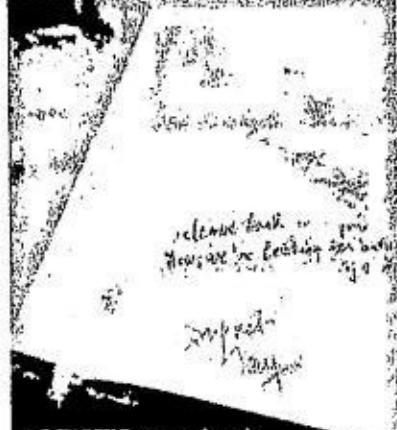


ARTIST Edwin Wilwayco

Wilwayco in Singapore



MEETING Singaporean art-lovers



ARTIST'S guest book

EDWIN WILWAYCO'S "SCHERZO" exhibit recently opened at Momentous Art Gallery in Singapore. The opening was attended by guests from the Philippines and the expatriate community, as well as Singaporean art-lovers.

The Philippine Ambassador to Singapore Belen F. Anota and Robert Bjorn Santos were the guests of honor. Santos, art director of Fatima University Gallery, flew from Manila for the occasion. Cecilia Ong from Christie's Singapore also attended the opening.

The artist himself was on hand to meet with the guests, along with gallery owner Allan Teo.

Annual photo exhibit



THE AYALA ALABANG CAMERA CLUB IS holding its 5th annual photo exhibit, "Curves," until Nov. 19 at Chefs Avenue, L/3, Festival Supermall, near Seattle's Best. Featured are some 200 interpretations by the 25 participants of the theme from nature, architecture, human, graphics and still life. The Ayala Alabang Camera Club is a nonstock, nonprofit organization. "Curves" is sponsored by Epson, Festival Supermall, Hula Hula Restaurant, Fitness First and Sun Life Financial.



Filipino artworks a hit in Singapore auction



"BIG Catch," by Bernard Vista



"CATTLEA," by Pacita Abad

FILIPINO ARTISTS ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL RECEPTION at the recently concluded Larasati "Pictures of Asia" auction, the auction house's 10th on Southeast Asian paintings held at Marriott Hotel in Singapore.

Over 200 art collectors participated, realizing total sales of \$3.4 million, an increase from last year's \$1.85 million. Over 70 works surpassed their presale "high" estimates, often doubling, tripling or even quadrupling expectations.

The sale also established new auction record prices for many works of art, including a new world record for China's Gong Lilong which also marked Larasati's largest taking for the day. The artist's oil on canvas, "The Duet," was sold for \$212,400 (P6,372,000).

Of the 29 Filipino paintings offered, 25 were sold, indicating an 86-percent success rate—higher than the overall 83-percent success rate for all the lots.

Aside from National Artist Arturo Luz, those that generated the highest final prices were Pacita Abad (\$\$7,670/P230,100); Welbart Bartolome's "Idolotery" (\$\$7,080/P212,400); Joy Mallari's "Asinta" (\$\$5,664/P169,920); Vincent de Pio's "La Musique" (\$\$5,428/P162,840); Lydia Velasco's "Beauties in the Garden" (\$\$5,310/P159,300); Jerry Morada's "Kalayaan" (\$\$5,310/P159,300); Bernard Vista (\$\$5,310/P159,300); and Sandra Fabie Gfeller's "Summer" (\$\$5,192/P155,760).

Others that did quite well were the works of Jasper Penuliar (\$\$4,956/P148,680); Rodel Tapaya's "Farewell Father" (\$\$4,956/P148,680), and Aileen Lanuza's "The Soloist."

Jerry Morada's "Tanda ng Di Paglimot" and "The Secret of the Brown Scapular" and Reynaldo de la Cruz's "Good Samaritan" each went for \$4,720 (P141,600).

Tribute to 5 photojournalists

SILVERLENS FOUNDATION INC., IN association with Silverlens Gallery, invites everyone to "5 Photographers (Part 3): A Tribute to 5 Pioneering Masters of Philippine Photojournalism."

The exhibit opens Nov. 22, 6 p.m., and will consist of photographs and photographic essays from five of the country's foremost photojournalists: Joe Gabor, Romy Vitug, Mario Co, Silverio Enriquez, and Ed Santiago.

The five photographers represent a critical time in Philippine photojournalism, when photography was in its nascent state as an artform.

The first "5 Photographers" exhibit was mounted in 1967 in Indigo Gallery, run by Bencab, now National Artist for the Visual Arts. He was then layout artist at the Sunday Times Magazine, where all of the said photographers had contributed to or worked at some point in their young careers.

The five stood out because of their sensitivity of expression, imagination and ability to "[raise] the prosaic to the level of astonishment, the lyrical, and, not the least of all,

imposing a significance on what is often taken for granted, ignored, despised," says writer Emmanuel Torres, who wrote the exhibition notes for the second "5 Photographers" exhibit in 1973.

Curated by photojournalist José Enrique Soriano, the chosen works in this exhibit consist of the best "5 Photographers" produced during that Golden Age of Filipino Photojournalism. They are works that reflect the political, economic, social and cultural scene of those times. They not only show how these particular five saw their fellow Filipinos, but how Filipinos saw themselves during that era.

The exhibit runs until Dec. 20.

Accompanying the exhibit will be a panel discussion about the Golden Age of Philippine Magazine Journalism, with Santiago, Vitug and writer Eugenia D. Apostol on Dec. 1, 3-5 p.m.

Silverlens Gallery is at 2320 Pasong Tamo Ext., Warehouse 2, Yupangco Building. Call 8160044, 0905-2650873, e-mail manager@silverlensphoto.com or visit www.silverlensphoto.com.



"LILOAN River, North Cebu," by Mandy Navasero, and "Bohol Countryside," by George Tapan



Photo exhibit at LRI Design Plaza

PANASONIC PHILIPPINES INC. presents the photo exhibit "The Art of Life," featuring the works of five top photographers: Mandy Navasero on earth; Jeanne Young on metal; Wig Tysman on water; George Tapan on wood; and Jim Paredes on fire.

The exhibit recently opened at the LRI Design Plaza, in time for the building-wide sale of up to 50 percent on selected items. The sale runs until Nov. 26.

Special guests at the exhibit opening were the core group of Bulong Pulong Women in Media. "The Art of Life" is open Monday-

Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

LRI Design Plaza has over 30 showrooms, each owned by an artisan. It is a one-stop lifestyle center for home furniture, furnishings, accessories, antiques, art galleries, collectibles and more.

Call 8955470 or 8951772.



AL SEMBRANO

10 secrets to wealth and success

A NEW SELF-HELP AUDIO BOOK CALLED "10 Sikreto ng Mga Mayayaman, Book 1 of 10 (English Edition and Tagalog Edition)," by Filipino-American Al Sembrano; is now available in leading bookstores and music bars nationwide. It can be purchased online at www.Sikreto.com and www.Maya-man.com.

Sembrano says the book is a realistic guide that empowers the Filipino to

achieve wealth and success by applying the personal inner secrets of the rich into one's life."

He decided to make the audio book available in both English and Tagalog to reach more Filipinos.

Audio Book 1 "covers the very first step to become wealthy and successful, which has nothing to do with money or financial strategies. What the real rich have taught

me over the decades is that the acquisition of money and wealth is nothing but a by-product of one's personal and business attitude and outlook in life and the consequent action that follows. 'Build yourself first and the money will come,'" Sembrano says.

The second volume of the 10-book series will come out by the end of the year and will cover topics on understanding how

money grows and how to respect it to make millions for oneself.

The series is published by Chelsey McCaw Publishing, Inc., a local multimedia company. A significant percentage of the profit from the sales will go to Eufemia Sembrano Scholarship Foundation. Eufemia Sembrano is the author's mother.

Call 7535315 or 0922-9365252.



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL AT SAN AGUSTIN CHURCH

The 9th San Agustin International Music Festival, the premier musical and cultural event in Intramuros, unrolls on Nov. 28-30 at San Agustin Church with an assemblage of fine musicians. This year's festival has a special relevance since it marks the 10th anniversary of the restoration of the 18th-century pipe organ of San Agustin Church, a National Cultural Landmark. Featured artists are Spanish organist Miquel González; Filipino bassoonist Adolfo Mendoza; world-renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers; Hail Mary the Queen Children's Choir; Union Church Chancel Choir; and Manila Philharmonic Brass Ensemble. Call 5266793 to 94 or 5274060 to 61.

An exhibit by friends

LE SOUFFLÉ RESTAURANT at Rockwell Leisure Club features for November the works of two Bel-Air residents, two Rockwell condo dwellers and their artist teachers.

The teachers are Edgar Doctor, Gig de Pio and Randy

Roa. Student artists are Ching Caluag, Linda Miranda and Baby Paterno.

Also featured at Le Soufflé are digital photographs taken by Rockwell resident Ting Paterno in Eastern Europe, Puerto Galera and other parts of the Philippines.

UP Diliman literary symposium Nov. 22-24

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE Philippines will host the 12th Biennial Symposium on the Literatures and Cultures of the Asia-Pacific Region on Nov. 22-24 in Diliman, QC.

Titled "Rewor(l)dings: Contestations and Reconfigurations in the Literatures and Cultures of the Asia-Pacific Region," the symposium is part of UP Diliman's contributions to the celebration of the UP's centennial in 2008.

The activity is organized by the Department of English and Comparative Literature, College of Arts and Letters.

The symposium consists of an international circuit of writers and scholars, all experts in their fields, who will present papers and their latest works.

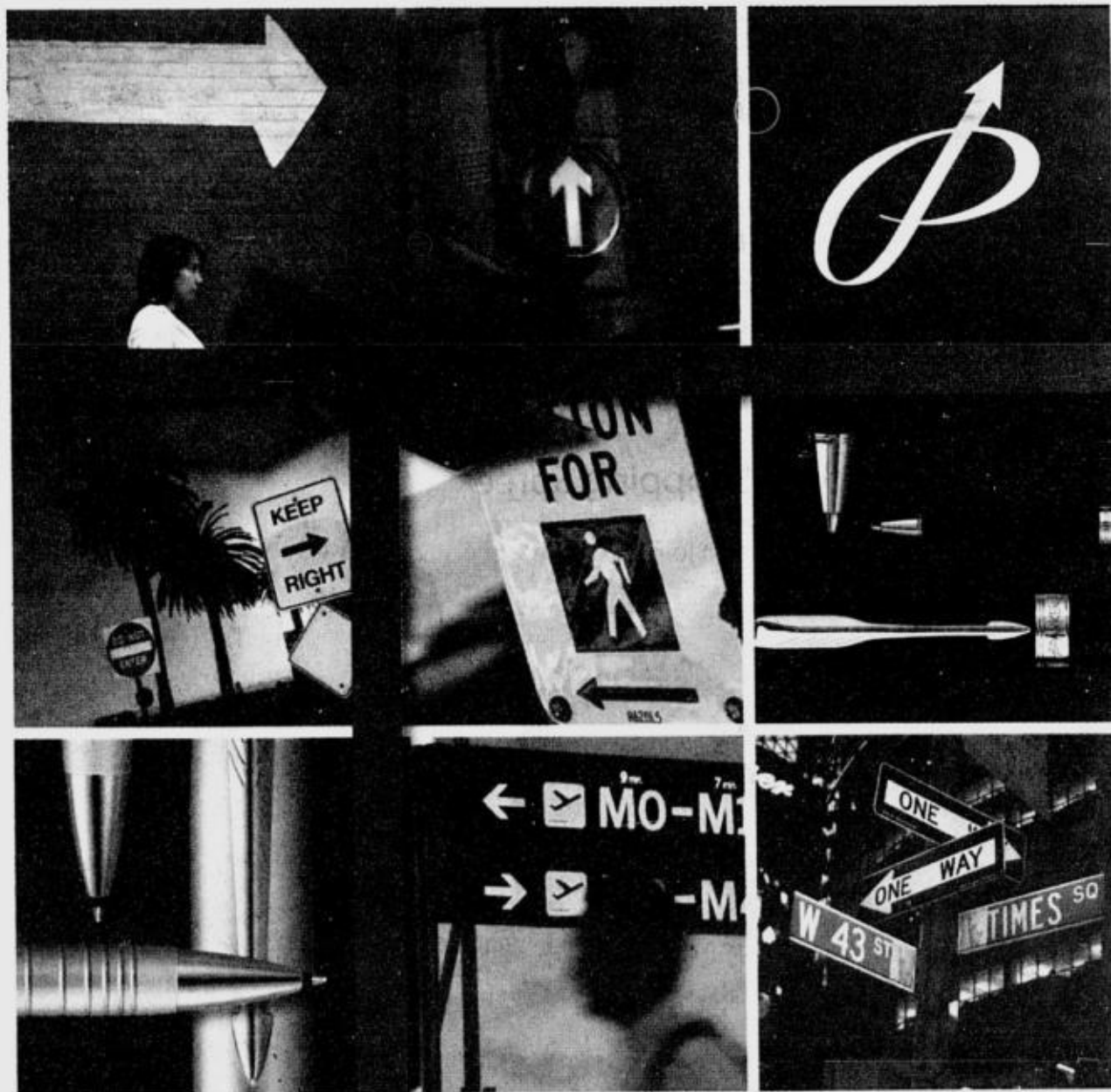
Philippine literature and culture will be showcased, since presentations by Filipino writers and scholars are an important part of the affair.

Keynote speakers are National Artist for Literature Bienvenido Lumbera and Gemino H. Abad of UP; Dennis Haskell of the University of Western Australia; Budi Darma of Universitas Negeri Surabaya; and Rajeev Patke of the National University of Singapore.

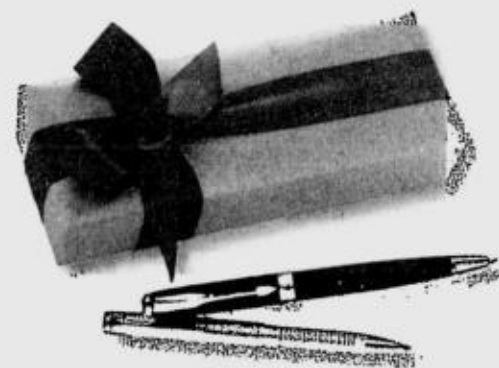
Selected members of other tertiary institutions in the country have also been invited to the symposium, among them Carlos Palanca Hall of Fame Awardee Jose Y. Dalisay and much-awarded poet and critic J. Neil Garcia of UP; Ferdinand Lopez of UST; and Danilo M. Reyes of the Ateneo.

The symposium will also feature round-table discussions on contemporary literary trends and literary publishing.

About 130 participants are expected. The conference convenors are Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo and Lily Rose Tope.



The write gift this Christmas



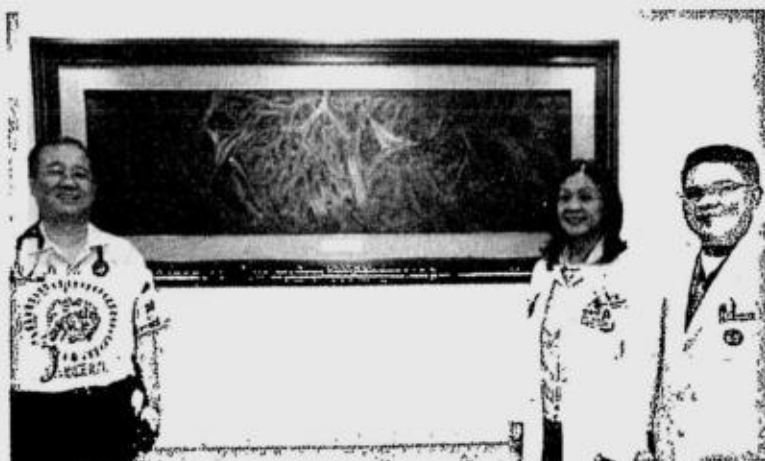
PARKER®

Where will you take me?

www.parkerpen.com

Exclusively distributed by: Star Paper Corporation

Visit us at National Bookstore, SM Department Store, Landmark and other leading outlets.



ST. LUKE'S RECEIVES PAINTING

Cardiologist and former director of St. Luke's Heart Institute, painter Dr. William Chua, donates one of his paintings to the Department of Radiation Oncology, headed by Dr. Miriam Joy C. Calaguas. Titled "Physiology of a Promise," it depicts the intricate and intimate relationship between the blood, heart and lungs. Chua's paintings have been exhibited in Edsa Shangri-La and Makati Shangri-La hotels. Proceeds of these exhibits have been given to charity scholarships for the health professions. Some of Chua's works are displayed at St. Luke's. Also in the photo is Julius Caesar Rojas, department manager.

VISUAL ARTS



Caasi at The Drawing Room

Ruel Caasi presents "Oil Paintings," new works on canvas and paper, Nov. 24-Dec. 15, at The Drawing Room (G/F, Metrostar Bldg., 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City, tel. 8977877 or 8976990). The recent works focus on direct relationship with reality, offering a hint on survival from our tarnishing environmental condition and climate of uncertainty caused by oil spill and human destruction. Primarily acrylic-based, Caasi combines oil-based industrial pigments and solutions that link to the world of two poles, chance and control.

Luz at Crucible

National Artist Arturo Luz presents "Metal Sculptures," until Nov. 27 at Crucible Gallery, 4/L, Art Center, Bldg. A., SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City (tel. 6356061). Luz worked long and hard on his metal sculptures, traveling weekly to Laguna to execute his sculptural ideas.

Magpantay at Artes Orientes

Angono-based artist Maia Magpantay presents her third one-woman show "At Work and at Play," Nov. 20-Dec. 4, at Artes Orientes, 2/F, Entertainment Center, SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City (tel. 5560590 or 0917-5230877). Her pieces show a jole de vivre in Filipino tradition, culture and values.

Dinglasan at Eastwood

The Art Discovery and Learning Foundation Inc., presents a one-man show by José Dinglasan, until Nov. 25 at the Cinema Lobby, 4/F, Citywalk 2, Eastwood City, Libis, QC. Dinglasan will showcase his paintings in "Dahon sa Iba't-



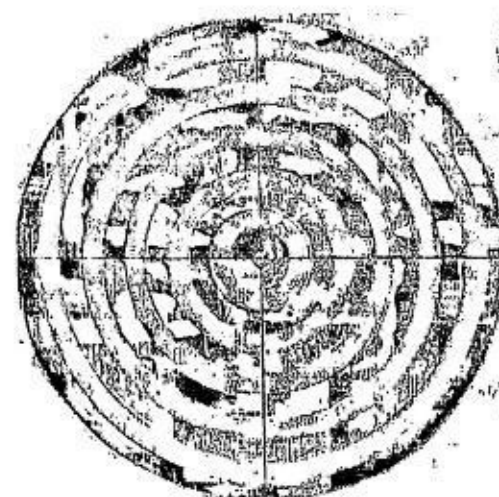
TAM Austria and his family are welcomed by Ambassador Virginia Benavidez at the Philippine embassy in Brunei Darussalam. In photo are Consul Raymund Escalona, Monina Escalona, Jaime Escalon, Monica Escalon, Ambassador Luis Escalon, Ambassador Benavidez, the artist, consul Ramon Escalon, Isabel Zeryco, Alma Regala, Bella Grande, Divine Austria and Sofie Bugarin.

Ibang Panahon," done in pastel and acrylic.

Malang, Cana, Cruz show

"Curves" by Malang, Cris Cruz and Cana opens today at Alliance Total Gallery. The exhibit runs until Dec. 3. Call 8957585/8957441 for details.

"HABITAT (Series of 4)," by Alfredo Juan Aquilizan



Aquilizan at Duemila

Galleria Duemila (210 Loring St., Pasay City) presents "Waterworks," by Alfredo Juan Aquilizan, until Dec. 4. The artist returns to his roots of painting—or, rather, the home of his heart. His paintings are in hues of gray with black and white and silver—reflecting the shorelines of the Queensland beaches, specifically the Sunshine Coast where he and his children go to spend time together. Call 8319990 and 8339815.

Soguilon at Boston Gallery

Britania Art Projects and Silangan Foundation for the Arts, Culture and Ecology present London-based Filipino artist Kris Soguilon in his fifth solo exhibit "Adobo-Fish and Chips," until Nov. 30 at Boston Gallery (72 Boston St., Cubao, QC). The works are an anthology of interesting characters finding their way into the Pinoy storyteller's awareness. Call 3876373.

Payawal at Hiraya

Butch Payawal presents his latest one-man show "The Dance of Life," until Dec. 4 at Hiraya Gallery (530 United Nations Ave., Ermita, Manila, tel. 5233331). The exhibit is a memoir of family life. Payawal chose the art of ballroom dancing as allegory for the dynamics of wedded bliss and child parenting.

Workshops at Mag:net

Mag:net Katipunan presents "Hanging-out Classes" this month. Courses offered this year are creative writing, painting techniques, songwriting, Rockstar computer skills and cinematography. Call 9293191, 0917-5280716, 0919-2574808 and 0917-8941886 for details.

Pottery fest in Greenbelt

"Contemplate: The Fellowship of the Clay" will be held at the Greenbelt 3 Park of Ayala Center, Makati. The event will be a pottery festival led by the Putik Association of pottery artists. One of the show's features is the "SouMak Bed 'n' Beddings" of Sonny Cruz.

Villanueva and Feleo at National Museum

The National Art Gallery of the National Museum of the Philippines presents "Aklasang Basi," until Dec. 14 at 5/F, South Wing of the Museum of the Filipino People, tel. 5271219. The exhibit features Esteban Villanueva's "Basi Revolt (1821)" series of 14 panels and the works of Roberto Feleo.

Group exhibit

Grupong Atelier mounts its 7th art exhibit "Heart to Art," Nov. 24-Dec. 17, at Galeria de las Islas, 3/F, Silahis Center, Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila (tel. 5272113). The exhibit features over 50 paintings—from the simplest subject to complex imagines—executed in various media by 19 artists.

Aguilar at ArtistSpace

Leopoldo Aguilar Jr., a native of Cebu and a Joya awardee, presents "Simplified," Dec. 11-27, at ArtistSpace, 2/F Glass Wing, Ayala Museum, Makati City. The exhibit presents the artist's description of line, which means being both simple and complicated, compelling various symbolism and expression, depending on its composition.

Photo exhibit

The Camera Club of the Philippines (CCP) launched a gala exhibit for its Masters Photographers, Emil Davocol and Rudy de Leon, with the theme "Black and White Rainbows (A Photo Exhibit in Living Black and White)." The exhibit features 24 black-and-white photographs of still lifes, people and landscapes. Limited-edition prints can be purchased. The exhibit runs until Nov. 20. Call Camera Club at 0917-5266673 or 0920-9052699 or e-mail info@cameraclub.ph or www.cameraclub.ph.

Sanso at Ayala

The Ayala Museum (G/F Gallery, Makati Ave. cor. De La Rosa St., Makati City, tel. 7577117 local 10) presents "Water: The Medium" by Juvenal Sanso, Nov. 23-Jan. 13.

Robinsons Supermarket

in cooperation with

Merry Millionaire

Nov. 19 - Jan. 15, 2008

Get a chance to WIN

1 Million Cash

plus P100,000

worth of Shopping Spree

Every P500 single receipt purchase entitles you to join the raffle.

5 winners of

P100,000

worth of Shopping Spree

32 winners of

Gift Baskets

worth P5,000

Grand Draw: January 30, 2008

Get 2 additional coupons by using your Go! Mastercard

ALL ROBINSONS MALLS

Arandela Square, Caloocan City

Banilad Town Center, Cebu

Berkeley Square, Commonwealth

Blue Wave Mall, Marikina City

Circle C Center, Congressional

Good Earth Plaza, Avenida

Nagaland, E-Mall, Naga City

Nepo Mall, Dagupan

Nepo Mall, Angeles, Pangasinana

Malabon Citysquare

Metropolis Star Alabang

Susano Complex, Novalliches

Target Mall, Sta. Rosa, Laguna

Tutuban Center

See flyers for more details

Per DTI-MCR Permit No. 5672 Series of 2007

www.robinsons-supermarket.com.ph

Eat Well

Spend Less

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.phWebsite: www.inquirer.net/lifestyleText us your feedback:
inquirer life name/age/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

THE CAST of New Voice Company's "Into the Woods," directed by Rito Asilo

Tales as old as time, now retold in song

New Voice Company's production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Into the Woods" opened a weekend ago at the Music Museum with tremendous verve, expressiveness and artistry

By Gibbs Cadiz

IF THERE'S ONE THING HALF a lifetime of theatergoing can teach you, it is that the urge to either jump up in ovation or walk out in disgust at the play you're watching comes rather infrequently.

Fewer productions are drop-dead triumphs or spectacular failures. Most, in fact, settle into that fuzzy groove somewhere between brilliant and crappy, great and wretched, good and bad—what one might call, in gay parlance, "Keri na."

Because it doesn't happen often, encountering a superior piece of theater thus becomes all the more memorable.

This year, a handful of shows managed to leap beyond the footlights to galvanize us to our feet: the short-lived "Sa Ngalan ng Anak" of UP Dulaang Laboratryo (directed by Amiel Leonardia, based on Arthur Miller's "All My Sons"); Nonon Padilla's "Belong Puti" for Peta, Layeta Bucoy's one-act "Ellas Inocentes" in the Virgin Labfest under Tuxqs Rutaquio's direction; Chris Millado's restaging of Mario O'Hara's "Insiang" for Tanghalang Pilipino; Bobby Garcia's "Avenue Q" for Atlantis Productions.

One more entry will now be added to that list: New Voice Company's production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Into The Woods," which opened a weekend ago at the Music Museum with tremendous verve, expressiveness and artistry.

Dark and complex

Sondheim and James Lapine's masterwork—a dark and complex interweaving of several fairy tales set to often dissonant, angular music (though by Sondheim standards it's one of his more tuneful scores)—has enjoyed a long life in the musical repertory ever since its Broadway debut in 1987.

Sondheim, who by this time had assembled a virtual gallery of offbeat characters for his musicals (the serial-killing barber Sweeney Todd, the commitment-phobic Bobby of "Company," the aging showgirls of "Follies," the xenophobic shoguns of ancient Japan in "Pacific Overtures"), trained his sights on another group ripe for re-imagining.

He took the Grimms' most beloved characters—among them Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack (of the Beanstalk mischief) and Little Red Riding Hood—and let them loose as denizens of an enchanted forest, the unhindered atmosphere of which would uncork their fears, passions and prejudices as they crisscrossed each other's lives. And that's just Act I.

Act II, about their tangled "ever after" lives, is even more tricky.

All that starry dust-up is presented in this "Into the Woods" with becoming freshness and clarity. There is pleasure to be had in realizing how its director, Rito Asilo, and his gifted ensemble have labored to remain faithful to the material while going to great lengths to put their own idiosyncratic stamp to it.

Contemporary bent

In its original form, the musical upended its storybook period setting with a winking dose of urban American irony. Witness Sondheim's impish lyrics (e.g., "Let the moment go/Don't forget it for a moment, though/Just remembering you've had an AND/When you're back to OR/Makes the OR mean more than it did before," from "Moments in the Woods").

This version retains that knowing, bemused tone, but makes it somehow softer, gentler, more heartfelt. That approach robs

**What counts most
is the ability
to express
ourselves.**

Learn from
the very best!

Study at:

VERNON TAPALLA'S
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS
and THE WRITING INSTITUTE

Confidence Building • Speech
Grammar • Public Speaking • Writing
Personality Dev't. • Rapid Reading
Private Tutoring & Corporate Training Are Available

MAKATI - 892-9502 / 892-9503 ALABANG - 845-0886



Is now accepting
applicants for its

**Two Year
Training
Program
in Cosmetic
Surgery**

PAN PACIFIC
AESTHETIC INSTITUTE
Tel/Fax: 4211404
CellNo.: +63 918 3333439
E-mail: info@ppai7.com
Website: www.ppai7.com

**Buy one
take one
on
noselift
surgery
...
limited
offer only**



Do people laugh at your English?

THE JOHN ROBERT POWERS ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM will sharpen your communication skills with a unique blend of teacher-led and computer on-line anytime techniques. Fast track packages at special rates are available at all levels at our locations in Makati and Quezon City. Test yourself with our absolutely free assessment. English, your future depends on it. Be understood. By anyone. Anywhere. Call now!

892 9511 (Makati) 927 0465 (Q.C.)
4th Fl., Corner Bldg. 180 Sagrado St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati 1209. Ground Fl., Corner Bldg. 625 EDSA, Quezon City

John Robert Powers
English Language Program
www.johnrobertpowers.com

A HOLIDAY TREAT FROM SUN!



SUN GROUP PLAN 999

- 24/7 Call & Text Unlimited*
- 3 Camera Phones, 3 Lines
- 750** FREE texts to other networks

All for P999/month!***

* For local Sun-to-Sun calls and texts only.

** When enrolled in Call & Text Unlimited.

*** 24-month holding period.



SAMSUNG X510

- Connect with family and friends anywhere through SMS and MMS.
- Capture your favorite images with its VGA camera with zoom.
- Enjoy surfing the web through its WAP feature.
- Converse easily with its built-in handsfree.

Hurry to The Sun Shop and apply now!

SAMSUNG mobile



www.suncellular.com.ph

Hotline: 395-8000

**SUN
CELLULAR**
Better network, better value.

Filipino play on maids opens in Singapore

By James P. Ong
Contributor

SINGAPORE—A FILIPINO PLAY about Filipino migrant maids went onstage yesterday, Nov. 18, in Singapore.

The play, written, directed and mounted by Singapore-based Filipino thespian and dramatist Jay España, opened in a Filipino restaurant here, proof of the growing migrant Filipino presence as well as the widening Filipino artistic and cultural influence in the Lion City.

Singapore has been trying to add another aspect to its self-billing as a leading business and cosmopolitan capital in Asia. Aiming to become an arts and culture center in the region, it has constructed the Esplanade (a sort of Sydney Opera House or Cultural Center of the Philippines) as a venue for the performing arts.

It has been importing expensive Western musical products, the latest of which is the West End version of the Walt Disney film "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Singapore's art scene has also seen the growth of art galleries which have imported Filipino artists to exhibit their works. Last month, Edwin Wilwayco's abstract show "Scherzo"



REAL-LIFE Singapore domestic helpers Doreen Dangca, Rose Sarador and Nenita de Torres

opened at Momentous Arts. On Thursday (Nov. 15), Farley del Rosario opened a show at Utterly Art. Both were well-received shows.

The performing arts have also seen great Filipino contributions, with stage performers from Manila such as soprano Rachelle Gerodias and baritone Andrew Fernando being invited here to perform in classical concerts.

First splash

España himself had first penetrated the Singapore stage as an imported performer in Manila. His first big splash here was playing half of the famous Siamese twins in the musical production "Chang and Eng." The other half was played by another Filipino, RJ Rosales.

The idea of coming up with a play about Filipino maids in Singapore began playing in his

mind last year after he conducted an acting workshop for the Filipino community here.

España, 33, finally saw his project come to life as he mounted "The Tales of Three Marias," about Filipino domestic helpers living in Singapore.

Three real-life maids share the lead roles. They were not really trained to act, because it was an episodic play of three monologues interspersed with music and video.

"I wanted them to be themselves. I didn't want them to act," explains España. "It was really amazing just to hear them talk about their lives. There were times they cried, but most of the time we laughed really heartily. That's what's fascinating about Filipinos, we can always laugh at ourselves and find ways to overcome adversity."

"The Tales of Three Marias,"

says España, who is writer, director and producer, is about "the dreams, frustrations and happiness of maids here. The play is in Filipino, but with English subtitles."

He's hoping to get sponsors so he can stage it in a bigger venue next year.

"I am also aiming to get the nod of international theater festival people to fund the show and bring it abroad," he says.

Giving back

As is the fashion in predominantly Catholic Philippines, the characters are all named Maria, after the Virgin Mary.

Maria Soledad Padua, played by Doreen Dangca, is an abused maid who ends up killing her employer out of revenge.

Maria Dolores Dimarucut, played by Nenita de Torres, is a veteran maid in Singapore and a

single mother who is suffering an identity crisis: Is she still Filipino or an adopted Singaporean?

Finally, there is Maria Corazon Parungao, played by Rose Sarador, a perky young lady whose real dream is to migrate to America.

"It was really tough writing the script because there were so many stories that I wanted to tell, each of them very unique," says España, who talked to over 50 domestic helpers working here. "I wouldn't really call it an interview, maybe more like a chat session. They just opened up and I didn't really have a hard time drawing insights from them."

But it did take time to find someone willing to act the roles since rehearsals were held on Sundays, a rest day for maids here.

"My original actors were from the acting workshop that I conducted, but a lot of things happened along the way. For example, one of them had to fly to Denmark suddenly because she was able to find a new employer. So I had to find a replacement—and that was quite a strenuous task," he says.

España, an accomplished actor from Manila, has appeared in several theater, TV and movie productions both here and in the Philippines. He has performed



STAGE and TV actor Jay España in the Singapore production of "Once on This Island"

over 40 plays in the last 12 years, ranging from musicals to classical and contemporary theater.

He first arrived in Singapore in 2001 for the production of "Chang and Eng, The Musical," where he was understudy for the role of Eng.

Dubbed in Singapore as Philippine theater's "Perennial Romantic Lead," España also hosted "Batibot," and has toured the Philippines teaching speech and drama to kids and teens.

"When I came to Singapore and started doing gigs for the Filipino community, the domestic helpers were my No. 1 supporters. I guess it's my way of giving back something to them," he says.



JULIA Abueva as Little Red Riding Hood, Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo as The Baker's Wife and Michael Williams as The Baker



LYNN Sherman (center) as The Witch

Tales as old as time, now retold in song

From page E1

some lines of their laugh tracks, but it's a good tradeoff for the greater sense of empathy that the musical generates.

The Narrator, typically an Old Man, is now played by a smart, stylishly dressed young woman (Missy Maramara), underlining the contemporary bent of this version. The smaller staging, too, scales down the visual sprawl, giving this "Into the Woods" a fair semblance of chamber intimacy.

In Gino Gonzales' giant playhouse of a set, the fairy-tale characters have become real people, hemmed in by recognizable regrets, restrictions and dead-end expectations.

In particular, the central roles of the child-desiring Baker and Baker's Wife, superbly played by Michael Williams and Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo, evince a deep

humanity, much helped along by the two actors' seamless chemistry and gleaming voices.

Williams is notably moving in "No More," where he squares off dramatically with his estranged father (Tommy Abuel, wearing his gravitas light and easy).

A couple of young actors shine just as brightly as these veterans. Joaqui Valdes and Julia Abueva, both newcomers to Sondheim, are standouts as Jack and Red Riding Hood, respectively.

Jack's coming-of-age song "Giants in the Sky" receives an engagingly bittersweet reading from Valdes. Abueva, meanwhile, all crisp precociousness and self-assurance, convinces you her Red Riding Hood can, indeed, survive ravishment by the Wolf (Jamie Wilson, also Cinderella's Prince).



CATHY Azanza as Cinderella

Ah, Wilson: he's one of a couple of casting choices you could cavil about. Wilson is a first-rate actor, something he displays to flamboyant, lascivious effect as the Wolf.

However, he's not been blessed with the best pipes around. Which means that "Agony," the made-for-laughs duet sung by Cinderella's Prince and Rapunzel's Prince (John Mulhall) is an exercise in bated breath for the audience.

Will Wilson croak? He doesn't; he merely holds his top notes unsteadily. Mulhall carries the moment with his polished sound. But even in this, Wilson flashes more presence and personality.

Cast against type

As The Witch, Lynn Sherman's textured, smoky voice works overtime with songs that promiscuously roam the scales, from her rap-like number in the prologue to the harrowing ballad "Stay with Me" and the soulful "Lament" in Act II.

A touch of laboriousness informs these numbers, but Sherman, cast against the usual type for this role (the regal Lauchengco-Yulo played the part in the 1992 Repertory Philippines production, and Bernadette Peters and Vanessa Williams did it on Broadway), by and large deliv-

ers.

Complementing her contralto are two sparkling sopranos, Cathy Azanza as a winning Cinderella and Angela Padilla as Rapunzel. Juno Henares is a scenery-chewing blast as Cinderella's stepmother.

Unfortunately, Madeleine Nicolas—an accomplished actress who made her mark in Filipino-language plays and zarzuelas—still seems on tentative footing as Jack's mother, though her comic putdowns often fly.

'Overgrown' book

About the only complaint one could have of this production is that its sublime payoff comes after a nearly three-hour running time.

"As overgrown as the forest" was how the former New York Times drama critic Frank Rich described the musical's book (its spoken lines). True—though when one arrives at "Into the Woods" most magical juncture, the argument becomes moot.

The moment in question is "No One Is Alone," when the Baker, Jack, Red Riding Hood and Cinderella, all now bereft of loved ones, begin the process of reaching out to each other and contemplating lives as newfound friends ("Mother cannot guide you/Now you're on your own/Only me beside you/Still you're not alone...")

Williams, Valdes, Abueva and Azanza, their voices blending in impeccable harmony, create a scene of magnificent aural and emotional splendor—one of those spine-shivering moments in theater when you tell yourself, "I'm damn lucky to be here."

For a show of sustained excellence capped by that profound moment, polite "Keri na" applause won't do. Only a full-scale ovation will.

"Into The Woods" runs until Dec. 8 at Music Museum. Call NVC at 8896695, 8965497, 8990630, 8919999 or visit www.newvoicecompany.com

E-mail the author at gcadiz@inquirer.com.ph, visit www.gibbscadiz.com



Centennial music awardees at St. Cecilia's Concert

THE ST. SCHOLASTICA'S School of Music's centennial celebration, will feature recently honored music awardees on Nov. 25, 5 p.m.

The awardees are Zenas Lozada, Solo Artist Awardee for Performance; Mary Anne Armovit, Della Besa and Anamaria de Guzman, Duo Artist Awardees for Performance; and Cristina Bichara and Menchu Padilla, Awardees for Music Development. They are joined by Mary Anne Espina, Rosemarie de la Paz, Marianne Fajardo, Jane Banta and faculty member Greg Zuffiega performing piano

compositions by N. Gallardo, R. Cayabyab, Bizet-Wilburg and George Gershwin.

Violinists Sara Gonzales, Denise Huang, DJ Salonga and Gina Medina will perform Vivaldi's Concertos Nos. 1 and 4 for Four Violins and Strings.

The finale will be George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with pianists Espina, Besa, De Guzman and Zuffiega. The Manila Symphony Orchestra will provide orchestral accompaniment, with Jeffrey Solares conducting.

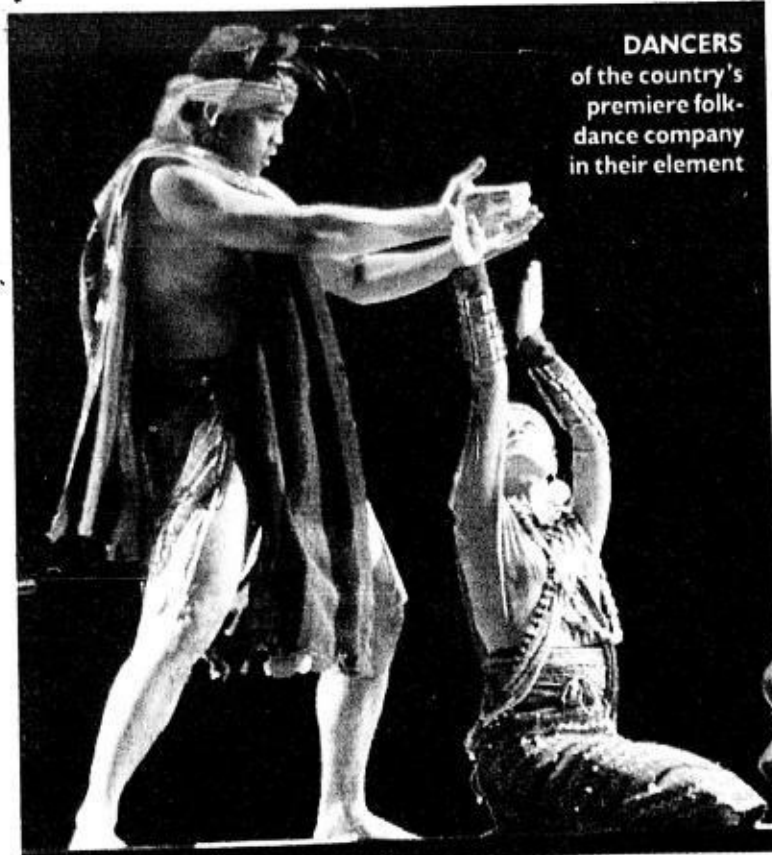
For ticket inquiries, call 5268080.



THREE major choirs will celebrate Bonifacio Day, Nov. 30, at Philamlife Theater (UN Ave., Manila): The Andres Bonifacio Concert Choir (above) and the Smoky Mountain Children's Choir, both led by composer Jerry A. Dadap; and the University of Baguio Voices Chorale under Gilbert Allan Dispo. It will be a festive evening of all-Filipino patriotic and religious hymns, and love songs.



JOAQUI Valdes as Jack



DANCERS
of the country's
premiere folk-
dance company
in their element

Viva Bayanihan!

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

BEFORE CECILE LICAD CONQUERED New York in the late 1980s with her auspicious debut with the New York Philharmonic, and before Lea Salonga invaded Broadway with her acclaimed roles in "Miss Saigon" and "Les Miz," there was the unforgettable advent of the Bayanihan Dance Company in the late '50s, early '60s and onward.

We got to recall the folk-dance company's world conquest through Chary Lagdameo, president of the Bayanihan Alumni Association Inc., who spearheaded a grand reunion of Bayanihan dancers when it observed its golden anniversary recently.

Among the illustrious soloists of the Bayanihan is the late Rome-based soprano Lilia Reyes and the Canada-based soprano Eleanor Calbes, one of the few singers who

got rave reviews as a soloist of the Toronto Symphony and the very first to land on Broadway, way before Lea Salonga.

For the record, the Bayanihan was the first Philippine folk-dance group to get the attention of the world's foremost impresario, Sul Hurok, who booked the ensemble on Broadway. It got rave notices alongside other Broadway attractions.

Fifty years later and during the recent reunion, we got to meet Rosalinda Anido Gomez, the first dancer who essayed the Princess part in "Singkil," which is one of the most applauded numbers on the Bayanihan repertoire.

When "Singkil" was first performed in Winter Garden Theater in New York on Oct. 14, 1959, courtesy of Hurok, it received 14 curtain calls, "Pandango sa Ilaw," which ended the section on Regional Variations, only got two curtain calls.

The New York conquest got rave reviews

from dance critic Walter Terry (Herald Tribune) and John Martin (New York Times).

The success of "Singkil" when it was performed in Brussels also resulted in the release of limited-edition "Singkil" figurines.

Another Bayanihan member who made good is Joji Ramirez-Castro, who migrated to San Diego in 1985 and founded the Philippine Performing Arts Company where the Bayanihan choreographies are preserved in their original versions.

It was inevitable that other dance groups abroad would stage Philippine dances without the benefit of the research and expertise of the Bayanihan pioneers and ended up restaging Philippine folk dances with bastardized ethnic music and costumes.

"I do preserve the original Bayanihan choreographies and I don't tamper with the original costumes just to cater to the new audiences," said Castro.

Lagdameo, Gomez and Castro and their co-alumni had one great time during the reunion.

Joy of Music Festival

In my book, the best thing Hong Kong can offer to arts enthusiasts is not the kid-friendly Disneyland but the yearly Joy of Music Festival initiated by the Chopin Society of Hong Kong, with Dr. Andrew and Anabella Freris at its helm.

The honorary president of the Society is a big name in music—none other than pianist-conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy.

Since 1999, the group has launched a series of recitals, among them the Winners Series which featured top prizewinners of prestigious music competitions; and the Masters Series which presented legendary musicians who also conducted workshops and master classes on top of being concert attractions themselves.

What is unique about this Society is that it believes classical music is neither an elitist nor a minority interest in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong audiences deserve nothing but the highest quality of music-making in the international music scene can offer.

In 2005, the Society initiated its biggest event, the First Hong Kong International Piano Competition, the first Grand Prize winner of which was Russian pianist Ilya Rashkovskiy, whose Manila debut last year caused pandemonium at Philamlife Theater.

After winning in Hong Kong, Rashkovskiy made it to the top two winners of the Marguerite Long-Jacques Thibaud Competition in Paris; and this year as one of the top four winners of the Queen Elizabeth International Music Competition in Brussels.

Last year, the Society launched its own recording label, Alpha Omega Sound. Among the first releases were previously unknown live performances by Heifetz, Kogan, Arrau and Segovia.

Two of the top attractions of the 2007 Hong Kong Joy of Music Festival are the concerts of sensational classical guitarist Alvaro Pierri, who will team up with pianist Pascal Roge and the London Chamber Orchestra on Dec. 11 at the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall; and the solo recital of Rashkovskiy at the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall on Dec. 14.

For those who cannot afford to go to Hong Kong, the good news is that Pierri and Rashkovskiy will be heard in Manila a week before their Hong Kong engagements.

"It is a great pleasure to share world-class artists performing in Hong Kong with the music-lovers of Manila," said Anabella Freris during her latest Manila visit.

For remaining tickets to the Manila engagements of Pierri and Rashkovskiy on Dec. 4 and 8, call 9007023 or cell 0906-5104270.

Here and there

The National Music Competition for Young Artists (Namcya), through its program director Ramon Acosmo, recently announced the finalists who will compete in the final round of the competition on Nov. 24 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Those who participated in the semifinals, and even those who did not qualify for the finals, were given special workshops and coaching sessions, in accordance with Namcya's new thrust at being a more collaborative and constructive experience for young artists.

Finalists in Piano Category C are Stephanie Alexis Aretola Cruz (Region IV-A); Andrew Bryan Sapigao (NCR); Farley Florentino Asuncion (NCR); Juan Michael Sargado (NCR); Josiah Samaniego (NCR); and Darren Elias Matias (NCR).

In the Solo Voice Category C, the finalists are Phoebe Ebona (Region X); Rexceluz Evangelista (NCR); Nomher Narita Nival (NCR); Joseleo Logdat (NCR); Ferleoni Medina (NCR); Jeffrey Buensuceso (NCR); Paolo Roel Rodriguez (NCR); Maria Blanca Krystal Buesa (NCR); and Eric Ferrer (Region III). More winners next week.

Meanwhile, San Pablo City is using the arts to promote tourist destinations in Southern Tagalog. The idyllic and quiet ambience of Casa San Pablo, managed by Boots and Ann Mercado Alcantara, will be the venue of an intimate concert by flutist Jay Gomez and pianist Katherine Fernandez on Saturday, Nov. 24. The concert is packaged to include overnight accommodation and breakfast. Call 0918-9386018.

Shopper's elbow never
felt this good.

P2,000,000

TO BE GIVEN AWAY
SHOPPING SPREES UP TO P200,000 EVERY WEEK

BE ONE
OF 12 LUCKY WINNERS

POWER PLANT MALL

Every single receipt purchase of P2,000 from any store at the Power Plant Mall, Block 9, Manansala and Joya, or every P3,000 minimum single receipt purchase from Rustan's Supermarket entitles you to a raffle coupon.

Deadline for submission of entries is at mall closing hours the day before the respective raffle draw dates.

Raffle Draw Dates: December 2 • December 9 • December 16 • December 23, 2007

PROMO RUNS FROM NOVEMBER 15 TO DECEMBER 22, 2007.

See posters & flyers for more details.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A2-489, Series of 2007.

LIFESTYLE

Too easy a 'Choice'

Nicholas Sparks' new novel is proof positive that his books have become the instant noodles of the fiction world

usual will not be disappointed by "The Choice."

In many ways, it is the perfect Sparks book, and it should come as no surprise that it is also a book that seems practically made for the movies. For other readers, it will be a trip down Memory Lane that they've memorized.

Even with franchises and series, readers should be challenged now and then; authors need to challenge them.

This particular choice is just too easy, too

obvious, too preposterous to anyone who doesn't want the easy, obvious and preposterous.

"The Choice" thus stands as proof positive that Nicholas Sparks' books have, indeed, become the instant noodles of the fiction world: Just add some waterworks and you've got what you came for, even if it isn't really good for you.

Available in paperback at National Book Store.

By Ruel S. De Vera

THAT THERE IS SO MUCH irony in Nicholas Sparks' newest novel, "The Choice" (Grand Central Publishing, New York, 2007, 272 pages), is ironic. Sparks has always been a most efficient but one-dimensional author, with his romances being all so similar and predictable.

Yet "The Choice" actually begins with these words: "Stories are as unique as the people who tell them, and the best stories are those in which the ending is a surprise."

Add to that the fact that "The Choice" is Sparks' 13th book, and is already a best-seller list mainstay, and you have a situation that is too much like the convenient coincidences that Sparks employs in his books. After all, Sparks has gained a massive following by crafting accessible tales about lovers with a twist, all wrapped in a thin book with a bizarrely obvious title.

In fact, three of his earliest books, "Message in a Bottle," "A Walk to Remember" and "The Notebook," were transformed into motion-picture tearjerkers, while a fourth, "Nights in Rodanthe," is forthcoming.

In many ways, Sparks is successful because his readers know what to expect from him. His romances have become comfortable and expected, in a way reflecting what one of "The Choice's" protagonists likes in a meal: "He became timid about food in general, preferring plain and predictable to anything with exotic flavor... He was too afraid to change."

Unbelievable

Thus "The Choice" is vintage Sparks all the way, featuring two impossibly single people somehow crossing paths. Just how unbelievable is this book? The two main characters answer to the improbably attractive names Travis Parker and Gabby Holland, who become neighbors in the picturesque town of Beaufort, North Carolina.

Travis happens to be a handsome, chiseled, parasailing veterinarian with a loyal dog named Moby. The owner of a similarly loyal dog named Molly, Gabby is a quirkily beautiful physician's assistant who doesn't realize how beautiful she is. The two carry enormous baggage and, of course, are made for each other.

"Both aware that they were sitting across from a person who might change the course of their lives forever if they weren't careful," Sparks writes. Then, as always, something goes terribly wrong, and there is guilt, sorrow and faith to be dealt with.

Their story is told in two parts, over a decade apart, with the earlier portion over twice as long as the later chapter, something it has in common with "The Notebook."

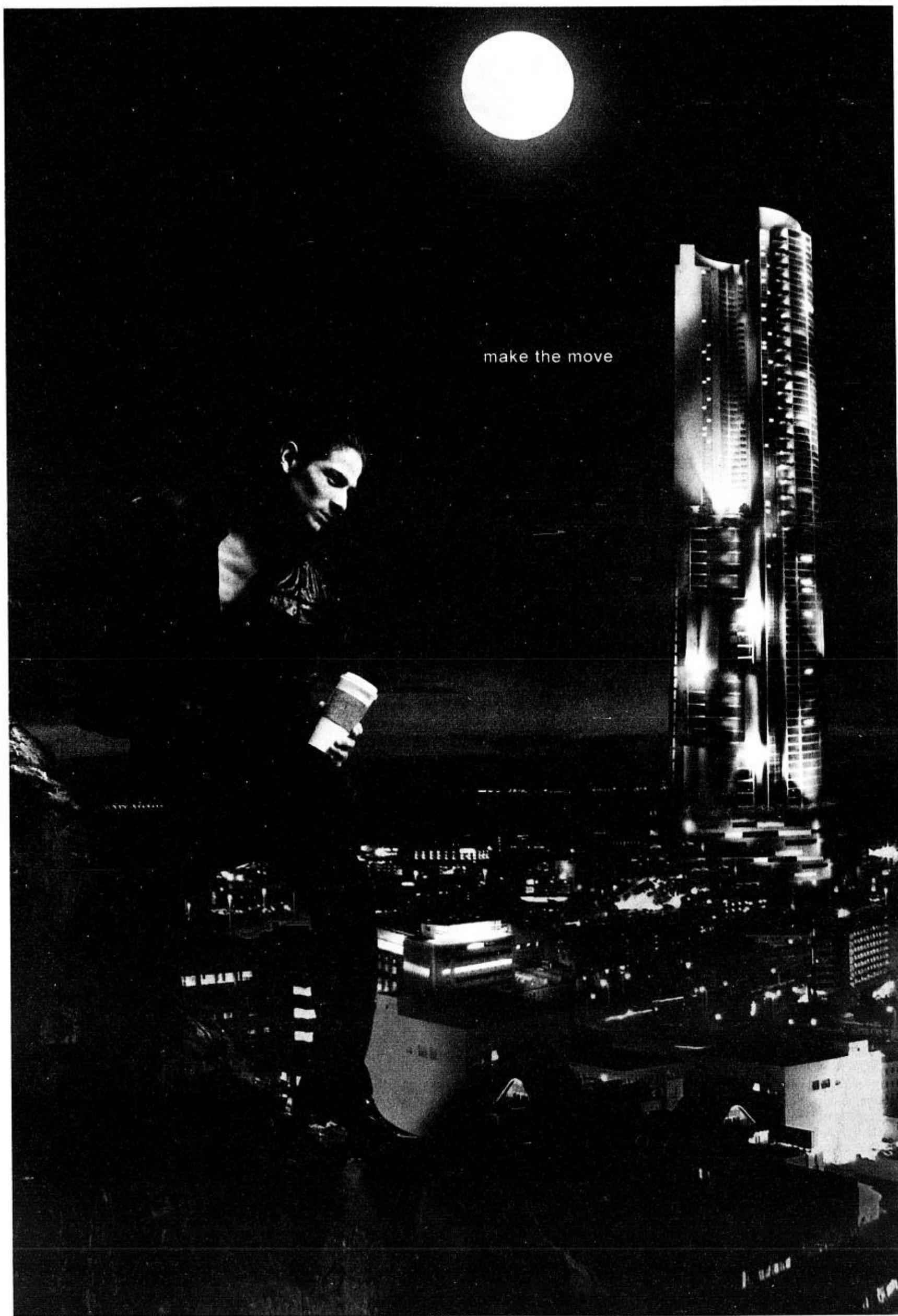
The characters have the unnerving habit of breaking out into densely expository paragraphs. Readers familiar with Sparks' work will no doubt try to figure out early what this "choice" in the book's title is, and Sparks gamely throws them red herrings, but ultimately the aforementioned choice is exactly what most readers will think it is.

Pretty phrase

That's perhaps the most frustrating thing about Sparks' work. He knows how to keep those pages turning, and is capable of placing a pretty phrase right where it should be. As the first part of "The Choice" will show, he can whip up a fantastic romance full of delightful little details.

But his books have become so formulaic, so obvious that readers will be able to guess correctly every single plot twist before it happens. The biggest twist is so badly telegraphed that readers will be muttering to themselves as they turn the page: "You have got to be kidding me!"

Sparks fans who want to see more of the

www.gaskysuites.com

GA
GLOBE ASIATIQUE
REALTY HOLDINGS CORPORATION
www.galifestyle.com

In life, change is the only thing that's constant. At GA Sky Suites, we keep up with your lifestyle. It's a posh residential building projected to become the tallest landmark along historic EDSA. Here, flat units are a thing of the past. Each fully finished Loft gives you not just the space, but a commanding view of the whole city, day and night. With 24/7 establishments, the grandest malls, the best schools, and knockout facilities surrounding this mammoth tower, the high life has never been this reachable. Living here will always perk you up. NO DOWN PAYMENT! Get a 3BR Suite - For as low as P19,075.00/month (30% equity for 48 months) and 70% balance upon turn-over is only P19,221.75/month.

Site Address: 927 EDSA (Southbound) corner Quezon Avenue, West Triangle, Quezon City

GA SKY SUITES
(632) 927-8888



MARILEX Realty Development Corporation chair Alex Prieto and daughter Tessa Prieto-Valdes

A toast to fathers

The book features a photo collection of 62 men plus touching personal stories related by their children

ACE PHOTOGRAPHER Jun de Leon's latest coffee-table book gives recognition to the unsung men in our lives: Daddy, Papa, Tatay. "Our Father," featuring a photo collection of 62 inspiring men including national leaders, businessmen, professionals, activists, actors, musicians and military, captures the beauty and quiet strength of a father's love through photographs and stories related by the subjects' children.

The 144-page book represents the fulfillment of a dream project De Leon conceptualized 19 years ago, during a time when he was painfully separated from his then 5-year-old daughter Nina.

He recalls: "Nothing in the world, not even the growing recognition of my identity as a photographer, could quell the overwhelming pain of separation."

He sought to find the father image through doing what he did best: taking photographs of fathers.

The "Dear Nina Project," as he called it, didn't pan out at the time and was shelved.

Through the years, De Leon eventually developed close relationships with his children. With renewed passion, and finding supportive partners in Creo Publishing, the lensman

revisited his dream project this year.

For "Our Father," he squeezed



LUCIO Tan Group of Companies chair Lucio Tan with daughter Vivienne and granddaughters Franceen and Kara



AGA Muhlach with twins Atasha and Andres

in as many as four photo shoots a day, unmindful of the time and place. This enthusiasm shows another side of him, this time as a father and a storyteller

sharing common ground with his subjects.

The 13x13-inch hardbound coffee-table photography book comes with an audio CD containing a song dedicated to all fathers, performed by Martin Nievera and arranged by Louie Ocampo.

Fathers featured in the glossy pages of the book are: Frank Alba, Butch Albert, Edgar Ang, Joey Antonio, Ni-

noy Aquino Jr. (deceased), Jaime Ayala, Senen Bacani, Ruben Bangayan, Andy Bautista, Sonny Belmonte, Eking Benedicto, Ely Buendia, Kenneth Cobon-

pue, Angel Colmenares, Joey Concepcion, RC Constantino, FF Cruz, Philip Cu-unjieng, Art de Castro, Freddie Dy, Lauren Dyo-gi, Patxi Elizalde, Chiz Escudero, RJ Esteban, Bayani Fernando, Mark Gan, David Guerrero, Juan Gullem, Atom Henares, Robert Ho, Roland Hortaleza, Butch Jimenez, Johnlu Koa, Michel Lhuillier, Samie Lim, Gabby Lopez, Guilly Luchangco, Dennis Manzano, Tony Meloto, Aga Muhlach, Kit Narciso, Martin Nievera, Satur Ocampo, Robin Padilla, Jun Palafox, Cecilio Pedro, Jun Pelaez, Ricardo Po, Alex Prieto, Charlie Rufino, Joel Santos, Wash SyCip, Jesus Tambunting, Lucio Tan, Ato Tanmantiong, Donnie Tantoco, Wig Tysmans, Fred Uytengsu Sr., Gary Valenciano, Eddie Villanueva, Manny Villar and Buddy Zamora.



"OUR FATHER," by Jun de Leon

The life of a pastor uncovered

"Alfredo Verzosa, Obispo"
Missionary Catechists of the
Sacred Heart and Ericson Josue
2007, 231 pages

ONCE, SEMINARIAN ERICSON Josue was paying a cursory visit in Vigan's Cathedral of the Conversion of St. Paul when he happened upon a marker declaring that a bishop of Lipa, Batangas, was there entombed, along with the mortal remains of an Ilocos prelate.

Josue's initial wonder regarding the reason behind this bishop's exile far from his territorial jurisdiction would become a full-blown investigation covering hundreds of miles and over half a decade of painstaking research.

The result, Josue's theologate thesis, is now the biography "Alfredo Verzosa, Obispo," which he published together with the Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart.

Josue, now a priest of the Laoag diocese, takes the reader back to times of upheaval, as the story of Verzosa, a member of Vigan's old aristocracy, begins toward the turn of the last century and ends after the World War II.

In a country central to the spread of Catholicism in Asia, Batangas and the Ilocos Region played substantial roles. Ver-

zosa, the fourth Filipino Roman Catholic bishop and the first from the Ilocos, was one of the first wave of Filipino priests elevated to the episcopacy. He led the opening prayer during the Philippine Constitution of 1935.

Fiery orator

Verzosa was actively involved with several religious orders and movements in pursuit of his ministry. In the Ilocos, his contemporaries included Isabelo de los Reyes and Gregorio Aglipay.

The young Fr. Verzosa, who was a fiery orator and prolific author of catechism material, is said to have successfully countered the Ilocano schismatic movement while assigned at the Augustinian-held parish of Bantay in Ilocos Sur.

After being named bishop, he brought the Missionaries of the Divine Word (SVDs), Carmelites, Redemptorists, and the Daughters of St. Paul to Lipa. Josue credits him with inviting the Madres Adoratrices, more popularly known as the Pink Sisters, to come to the Philippines. The Pink Sisters first settled in Lipa in 1923.

In the same year, the Vatican approved Verzosa's founding of the Congregation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Christian education, now the Missionary Cate-

chists of the Sacred Heart.

Under his watch, the young diocese also saw the rise of Catholic educational institutions, including at least four interdiocesan seminaries, even during the war. It is an unprecedented feat unmatched until now.

For this, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales describes him as a "mentor of priests." Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal was a product of this formation drive by Bishop Verzosa.

Lipa 'miracles'

The Lipa of Verzosa's time, affirms Cardinal Rosales in the foreword, was an exceptional local Church. Josue inevitably touches on the circumstances surrounding the alleged Lipa apparitions of the Virgin Mary to Carmelite novice Teresa Castillo in 1948, which happened toward the end of Verzosa's ministry in the diocese.

He doubts, however, that this led to the bishop's involuntary resignation in 1950, citing accounts of the bishop's prudence in managing the situation. Today, the "miracles" are officially discredited following a Church commission's investigation, although there are efforts to reopen the case.

Josue's book also provides information on the formation and



restructuring of dioceses (territorial divisions of the Catholic Church); the building of notable churches and seminaries; the movement of the ecclesiastical hierarchy and major religious orders such as the Dominicans and Jesuits in the Philippines; as well as the ravaging effects of World War II on the Church.

But more than a show of Ilocano pride in the life and legacy of Verzosa, "Obispo" gives readers valuable insights into the workings of Church policy, politics and a glorious ministry, as well as a glimpse of Philippine history.

"Alfredo Verzosa, Obispo" was printed by the Baguio Allied Printers. For inquiries, contact the Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart.

New 'Sarabihon'

THE FIFTH VOLUME OF "Sarabihon," a journal for Sorsogon students, is off the press.

Published by the Sorsogon Heritage Society, an association of researchers, artists, and journalists, the issue carries articles by Francisco Datar on birth seasonality and Reynaldo Jamoralin on the first Mass in Luzon (claimed to be first celebrated in Magallanes); folklore studies on nonsense rhymes by Azucena G. Urazna; and verbal abuse by Minerva Mañalac and Cecilia Canon-Socrates.

It also features Eugenia Duran Apostol's acceptance speech of the Ramon Magsaysay Award and

her Rizal Lecture delivered at the national conference of the Philippine

Center of International P.E.N., as well as Urazna's keynote address at the same forum.

The issue also carries personal essays, poems by Cesar Mella, a short story by Oscar Peralta and the never-before-published zarzuela

"Pagkamoot sa Banuang Tinoban" by Asislo Jimenez, the master zarzuelista of Sorsogon.

The Society wishes to announce that "Sarabihon Vol. 1," long out of print, is now available, and that Vol. 6 will be out this month.

National Book Week Nov. 24-30

THE NATION OBSERVES THE 73rd National Book Week on Nov. 24-30, as mandated by Proclamation No. 109, signed in 1936.

This year's theme is "Family Literacy: Reading Begins with Us."

The Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI), in cooperation with The National Library (TNL), will spearhead various activities during the week-long observance, among them: an outreach pro-

gram at Baseco community, Tondo, Manila on Nov. 23; fun walk and book-character parade around Rizal Park; and a formal opening ceremony with Adel A. Tamano, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila president, as guest speaker at The National Library on Nov. 26.

A fellowship luncheon will be held at Kamay Kainan, L/1, Trinoma, North Edsa, QC, on Nov. 30. Call 6370912 loc 229 and 5250926.



Women's Wellness

Fitness First starts 'Run for a Cause'

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A HEALTHIER lifestyle for its employees, Fitness First, the country's premier health club, with 16 clubs operating nationwide, recently held its first "Run for a Cause" marathon at the Fort Strip in Taguig City. Fitness First Philippines country manager Mark Ellis led employees and members in the first-ever marathon run.

"Run for a Cause" is a 7.5-kilometer marathon and 15-kilometer invitational run which is an integral part of an employee fitness program started two months ago by Mr

Ellis called "Operation Shape Up". Believing that Fitness First employees themselves must be first to live a healthy lifestyle, more than 1,000 employees were subjected to rigid physical fitness and endurance tests. Those who passed underwent a regular fitness program to maintain their current level of fitness. Those who failed were subjected to a supervised training program called "Operation Boot Camp". Inspired by a military boot camp, employees undergo a strictly supervised workout routine at least 3 times a week.

Boot campers who joined the "Run for a Cause" marathon and were able to finish the run in the time allotted were given the incentive to graduate from boot camp and resume a regular fitness routine at Fitness First.

Apart from this, "Run for a Cause" is also an event that started the Fitness First Emergency Relief Fund. The Fund is intended to provide financial assistance to employees who may experience crisis situations such as calamities, sickness or hospitalization. As a funding scheme, for every employee who finishes the 7.5-km run, the company will donate P150 which will go straight into the Relief Fund. For the 15-kilometer Country Manager Invitational Run, Ellis gave an incentive amount of P3,000, half of which will also go into the Fitness First Emergency Relief Fund, to every employee who finishes the run ahead of him.

As additional incentive for employees who joined the run, various prizes from partners and supporters were raffled off along with prizes given out the overall and per age category top runner.

Originally intended as an event for employees, "Run for a Cause" likewise spread to its members from the different clubs who expressed their interest to join, hence resulting in the participation of more than 1,000 people.



MARK Ellis leading the runners.

FOR BREATH THAT'S NATURALLY FRESH you need a mouthwash that's all natural. Gargol, the new oral wash now out in the market, is 100 percent natural with pure essential oils that leave the mouth moisturized, feeling clean and fresh for up to eight hours.

Gargol contains myrrh which is useful in keeping gums healthy; peppermint, which has a fresh menthol scent that keeps breath smelling fresh; thyme, a natural healer that treats mouth infections; chamomile, a soothing herb that calms inflammations and throat irritations; and tea tree, a potent antiseptic that heals mouth ulcers and oral infections.

Being all-natural, Gargol has no alcohol. Products with alcohol can lead to dryness which in turn cause bacteria to thrive, resulting in mouth odors and even gum infection and mouth sores.

Unlike other brands, Gargol contains propolis, which acts as a moisturizing agent. It reduces the odds of bad breath by preventing

dryness. One of nature's wonders, propolis also has anti-microbial and anti-bacterial properties.

Ideal for diabetics, Gargol has no sugar. It uses a sweetener called xylitol found in the bark of birch trees, and many fruits and vegetables. While sugar causes tooth decay by creating a highly acidic condition in the mouth, xylitol can restore the pH balance and retard cavity growth.

Gargol's powerhouse combination of herbs gives your mouth protection from bad breath and relief from sore throat. It kills germs that cause plaque, gingivitis and tooth decay. But its gentle and safe formula allows you to use it after meals, before a meeting or anytime your breath needs freshening up.

Available in four flavors to choose from: green apple, orange, strawberry and original; and in three bottle sizes: 200ml, 95ml and 35ml. Gargol is distributed in leading drug stores and supermarkets nationwide.

ABW Leaves of Life - the next generation supplement

CONSIDERED THE NEXT GENERATION supplement, ABW Leaves of Life combines the goodness of Alfalfa, Barley, and Wheatgrass - three of nature's super anti-oxidants and nutritional powerhouses. This 100 percent natural and certified organic health supplement offers multiple natural sources of minerals, vitamins, proteins, enzymes, chlorophyll, amino acids, and antioxidants.

It assists in achieving optimum well being and good health by restoring the acid/alkaline balance of our body to ensure the proper absorption and maximum utilization of nutrients from food, vitamins and other supplements.

ABW Leaves of Life contains Superoxide Dismutase (SOD), an internal anti-aging and anti-cancer enzyme. It fights and neutralizes damaging free radicals and helps prevent pre-

mature aging and a wide range of degenerative diseases.

Within a week or two of taking ABW Leaves of Life, you can expect a feeling of renewed well-being and a greater sense of energy. You're also ensured of enjoying deep and sound sleep that will help you recharge and rejuvenate.

ABW Leaves of Life comes in caplets and powder mix. Its ingredients - Alfalfa, Barley Grass, and Wheatgrass Spelt are imported from Australia and are certified organic by the National Association for Sustainable Agriculture Australia (Nasaa).

ABW Leaves of Life is available at Mercury Drug stores, Watsons and other reputable pharmacies nationwide. For more information visit: www.abwhealth.com or TXT 4 INFO 0916-7410346.

Prone to UTI?

HALF OF ALL WOMEN WILL SUFFER FROM URINARY TRACT INFECTION (UTI) AT LEAST once in their lifetime. Due to their anatomy, women are more susceptible to the bacterial infection, which can affect any part of the urinary tract. Bacteria have a shorter distance to travel to reach the bladder in a woman's urinary tract. But men are certainly not immune. Those above 50 are also likely to develop UTI because of an enlarged prostate, which prevents them from completely emptying their bladder of urine. Meanwhile, for younger men, UTI may be associated with kidney stones.

Persons with a history of diabetes; women who use diaphragms, birth control pills or spermicides; pregnant, menopausal, and post-menopausal women; and people who use catheters can have a greater risk of developing UTI. Sexual intercourse and the intake of alcohol and caffeine can also cause the infection.

Cranberries contain the antioxidant Proanthocyanidins, which can prevent UTI-causing bacteria from attaching cells in the bladder.

Now available in the Philippines is the all-around health supplement CranUTI Nature's Relief Cranberry Extract. It contains all the vital elements of a cranberry. It includes the astringent, diuretic and antioxidant properties, plus the vitamins, minerals and fiber from the cranberry fruit, seed, skin and juice.

In addition, CranUTI has a unique, all-natural delivery system that protects its cranberry bioactive from degradation while traveling through the stomach. This enables a sustained release of its powerful cran-factor to the sites of action in the urinary tract. It has an extended release feature that holds E. coli at bay. Colony after colony of bacteria is rendered helpless, unable to adhere to the walls of the urinary tract. These are washed away during the body's normal cleaning process.

It can be used regularly (one capsule per day) to prevent UTI or as cure for those already with infection (two capsules daily).

CranUTI is available at Mercury Drugstores and other reputable pharmacies nationwide. For information, visit www.cranuti.com.

UTI?

"Di ka maka-concentrate, maka-focus, maka-pagtrabaho. Ganyan kahirap magka-UTI."

- Ellen Torres
Sales Executive

Hindi makakapit ang bacteria. Iwas UTI. Iwas hapdi at sakit.

CranUTI
NATURE'S RELIEF

AVAILABLE AT:

mercury drug stores nationwide
and other reputable drugstores

Imported and marketed by: Whealth Inc. Tel: (63 2) 524 6549 www.cranuti.com TXT 4 INFO: 0916 741 0346

100% Natural
No Flavorings
No Additives

BFAD # FR - 60677

DISTRIBUTED BY:

PHILUSA

Only an oral wash this natural can give you breath so fresh



Only Gargol Oral Wash with 100% Natural Essential Oils comes in four exciting flavors that moisturizes your mouth and keeps your breath smelling deliciously fresh, naturally.

All-Natural
Gargol
Oral Wash

A BREATH OF NATURAL FRESHNESS.

AVAILABLE AT: mercury drug stores nationwide

and other reputable drugstores

Imported and marketed by: Whealth Inc. Tel: (63 2) 524 6549 www.gargol.net TXT 4 INFO: 0921 260 0228

DISTRIBUTED BY: PHILUSA CORPORATION

BFAD # CR - 2901

INTERNAL ANTI-AGEING



"Don't wait till you're old to look young..."

Pilita Corrales
Asia's Queen of Songs



Caplets: BFAD # FR - 59387 Powder: BFAD # FR - 62296

ABW
Leaves of Life
(Alfalfa - Barley - Wheatgrass)

100% NATURAL AND ORGANIC HEALTH SUPPLEMENT
NATURE'S SUPER ANTI-OXIDANTS & NUTRITIONAL POWERHOUSES

Available at: mercury drug stores nationwide
and other reputable drugstores

Distributed by: PHILUSA CORPORATION

TXT 4 INFO: 0916 741 0346 EMAIL: info@abwhealth.com WEB: www.abwhealth.com



Maningning: Luminous poetry and music

By Marjorie Evasco
Contributor

EVERY 29TH OF SEPTEMBER is marked in our calendars as a day of remembering poet-painter Maningning Miclat.

Her life and art continue to bring us today the light of poetry and painting through the young men and women, 28 years and below, who win in the annual competition organized by the Maningning Miclat Art Foundation, Inc. (MMAFI).

This year, the competition was for poetry in the three languages Maningning Miclat herself wrote: Chinese, Filipino and English.

The awards ceremony was held at Philamlife Theater on U.N. Avenue in a program that celebrated the works of the prizewinners: Chen Siyuan (for Chinese), Erica Clariz de los Reyes (for Filipino) and Raymond John de Borja (for English); as well as the songs of three of the country's best singers: Cynthia Alexander, Susan Fernandez and Girl Valencia.

Herman T. Gamboa, MMAFI president, opened the program and honored the memory of Maningning as "a brilliant and multi-awarded artist and trilingual poet and writer, teacher and translator who passed away on Sept. 29, 2000."

Each of the poets in the three language categories received a check of P28,000; a trophy sculpted by Julie Lluch called



THE AUTHOR with Marc Anthony Cayan, honorable mention in the English Division

"Maningning"; and hardbound collector's editions of "Voice from the Underworld: A Book of Verses" in three languages by Maningning Miclat; "Beauty for Ashes: Remembering Maningning"; and "Beyond the Great Wall: A Family Journal" by Mario, Alma, Banaue and Maningning Miclat, which recently won a National Book Award for Biography from the Manila Critics Circle.

Important service

Siyuan, a Chinese Literature student in a university of Guangdong Province of China, came to receive her prize from MMAFI executive director Alma Miclat, Maningning's mother, who was accompanied onstage by the judges for the Poetry in Chinese, namely James Na, Lyonel Ty and Shirley Lua.

Siyuan read her poem in Mandarin, Lua, who translated the poem into English, read her translation of "Cold Spring."

Honorable mention went to Chen Wei and Zhang Hui Chao, both from Guangdong Province.

When the three young poetry winners stood onstage together, it was clear Maningning Miclat's gifts were bearing good fruit

De los Reyes, a BS Management student of Ateneo de Manila University, received her prize from National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almario and the judges for the Poetry in Filipino category: Benilda Santos, Luna Sicat-Cleto and Michael Corzo.

Her poem, titled "Walang Lugar ang Makata," from the collection "Bilang Babae," was read by Frances Makil-Ignacio of Dulaang UP.

Honorable mention was given to Mark Anthony Sy Angeles and Carlos Piosos III.

De Borja, a BS Electronics and Communications student of University of the Philippines, received his prize from National



WINNERS Raymond John De Borja (English poetry) and Erica Clariz de los Reyes (Filipino poetry)

Artist for Literature Bienvenido Lumera and MMAFI board director Edna Manlapaz, together with judges Marjorie Evasco, Neil Garcia and Joel Toledo.

His poem "Uncertainty Principle," from the collection "Field Effect," was read by Ricky Ibe, also of Dulaang UP.

Honorable mention went to Mark Anthony Cayan and Joy Anne Icaayan.

When the three young winners stood onstage together, it was clear Maningning's gifts were bearing good fruit and the foundation named in her honor is doing an important service to the arts, not only in the Philippines but also in Asia.

MMAFI received poetry entries not only from all over the Philippines but also from Guangdong, Shanxi, Gansu, Fujian and Chejiang Provinces of China, and from Vietnam.

Haunting songs

Singer-composer Alexander sang her own compositions and arrangements such as the haunting "Ginugunita Kita," from the poem of Maningning in "Voice from the Underworld."

Fernandez rendered with fine



NATIONAL Artists Virgilio Almario and Bien Lumera with MMAFI executive director Alma Miclat and Chen Siyuan, Chinese poetry winner (second from right)

musicality Filipino songs based on poems she remembers Maningning loved, particularly "Kung Ibig Mo Akong Makilala," a poem by Elynia Mabanglo and arranged by Upeng Galang Fernandez.

Valencia performed the memorable lullaby "Ugoy ng Duyan" by Lucio San Pedro in a medley arrangement with "Saan Ka Man Naroroon."

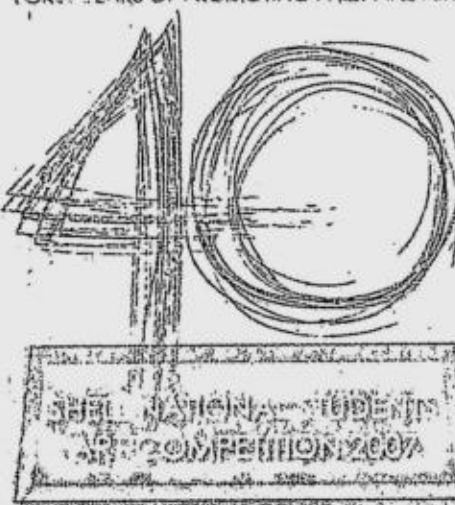
For a rousing finale, the three sang a poem by Maningning, "Berse/Dumaan Ako," set to music by Joey Ayala and arranged by Alexander.

The whole program, seamless and breathtaking, was superbly directed by Joel Saracho



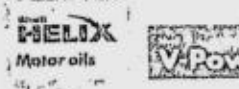
SINGER-COMPOSERS Girl Valencia, Susan Fernandez and Cynthia Alexander

FORTY YEARS OF PROMOTING PHILIPPINE ART



100
Best
Winners
& Entries

Ayala MUSEUM



Shellane

OIL/ACRYLIC



1st Place
Gino L. Bueza
UP - Diliman



2nd Place
Ricardo C. Adeva Jr.
UE



3rd Place
Sherwin L. Callejo
TUP - Manila



Honorable Mention
Raffy T. Napay
EARIST



Honorable Mention
Norven L. Valenzuela
TUP - Manila



Honorable Mention
John Carlo C. Jacinto
UP - Diliman

WATERCOLOR



1st Place
Veronica Z. Justo
TSU



2nd Place
Rommel T. Sampana
BSU



3rd Place
Apple Natasha S. Espedillo
USC - Cebu



Honorable Mention
Rommel C. Ramota
PUP



Honorable Mention
Randolph C. Dilla
FEAT



Honorable Mention
Ronald L. Jersano
PUP

SCULPTURE



1st Place
Michael Vincent K. Uy
UP - Diliman



2nd Place
Roman Angelo R. Cruz
UST



3rd Place
Jefferson P. Padlan
TIP - Quezon City



Honorable Mention
Vladimir Ivan T. Dominguez
TSU



Honorable Mention
Paul Dominic O. Roña
PWU



Honorable Mention
Rosabelle D. Pangilinan
UP - Diliman

DIGITAL FINE ARTS



1st Place
Mylene Stephanie J. Lacson
ICC - Bacolod



2nd Place
Ralph Rovie S. Eya
PWU



3rd Place
Rafael C. Chua
UE - Caloocan



Honorable Mention
John Philip B. Cadellina
Asia Pacific College



Honorable Mention
Ralph Allen S. Semilla
UE



Honorable Mention
Adrian Crucillo
UM

Oil/Acrylic Finalists: Abren, Kinney Jade D. - FEU; Adeva, Jr., Ricardo C. - UE; Alensub, Jeffrey Jay B. - PWC-Davao; Arguero, Benedict V. - UNP - Vigan; Astoveza, Grace Mirella C. - EARIST; Awed, Dante S. - GBDC; Balquin, Maria Janica G. - UP-Diliman; Bueza, Gino L. - UP-Diliman; Cac, Ma. Antonette A. - UP-Diliman; Callejo, Sherwin L. - TUP; Castillo, Patrick Joseph R. - UE; Castro, Lami A. - TSU; Carroll, Mel John L. - USA - Iloilo; Cruz, Mark Gerald B. - UE; Del Rosario, Selmer Anthony P. - BSU; Diana, Peter Mark A. - FEU; Donayre, Phylissa Ann - UP - Cebu; Duhalang, Jeffrey - PWC-Davao; Emilio, Michael Angelo E. - USA-Fajardo; Fajardo, Jr., Danilo C. - UST; Galvez, Jemyl N. - FEU; Gavino, Kris Jan R. - FEAT; Geranimo, Rex - UP-Diliman; Giamae, Richie G. - TUP; Gungod, John Ruyadhen C. - FEU; Gonzales, Francis Ryan - USC-TC; Gonzales, Mark Lovie - FEAT; Guioy, Emil Jay - TUP; Gulasterian, Gregg N. - FEAT; Guton, Milven A. - UE; Hollieira, Francis Carlo M. - FEU; Jacinto, John Carlo C. - UP-Diliman; Jersano, Ronald L. - PUP; Lembo, Jed G. - FEU; Lasaga, Jr., Jaime M. - PWU; Legasto, Amanda P. - UP-Diliman; Loquico, Anika Maria T. - FEAT; Magno, Rhea Mae Louise A. - TUP; Mendoza, Ramon Carlo G. - UP - Cebu; Napay, Raffy T. - EARIST; Pama, Michael John ICC - Bacolod; Policarpio, Joel G. - TSU; Quebral, Richard Cortie D. - UNP-Vigan; Raymond, Katrina Anna E. - FEU; Real, Jaminic G. - UNP-Vigan; Salazar, Noreen A. - USA-Iloilo; Samson, Anabel - UST; Santos, King Cole M. - UST; Santos, Jr., Eduardo P. - TUP; Sicuya, Joannis Emmanuel S. - UP-Diliman; Sinajonan, Philip Christopher - UP - Cebu; Solon, Randy T. - UP-Diliman; Sy, Albert S. - FEU; Tapada, Jesus R. - EARIST; Tolentino, Francesco M. - UE; Uy, Michael Vincent K. - UP-Diliman; Valenzuela, Julie Anne C. - TUP; Valenzuela, Norven L. - TUP; Vicente, Juliard D. - UE; Vido, Vivian C. - TUP; Villar, Hans Christian R. - UST; Yoneza, Lance Kirby T. - EARIST

Watercolor Finalists: Castro, Lami - TSU; Dilla, Randolph C. - FEAT; Domer, Mgonliza F. - CHS; Espedillo, Apple Natasha S. - USC-Cebu; Garcia, Raymond V. - BSU; Jersano, Ronald L. - PUP; Justo, Veronica Z. - TSU; Morato, Dione C. - UE; Paros, Keith G. - UP-Diliman; Policarpio, Joel G. - TSU; Quebral, Richard Cortie D. - UNP; Romala, Rommel T. - BSU; Sampana, Rommel T. - BSU; Sanil, Kirstie - PWC-Davao

Sculpture Finalists: Artista, Neil Jasper O. - PWC-Davao; Cruz, Roman Angelo R. - UST; Dela Cruz, Ma. Veronica E. - UE; Dominguez, Vladimir Ivan T. - TSU; Gangan, Rymer - CPU; Padlan, Jefferson P. - TIP

Digital Fine Arts Finalists: Angel, Jolo Shanda G. - AUP; Cadellina, John Philip B. - APC; Chua, Rafael C. - UE; Crucillo, Adrian C. - UM; De Vera, Krys Airyne C. - TUP; Eya, Ralph Rovie S. - PWU; Lacson, Mylene Stephanie J. - ICC - Bacolod; Rejano, Mirma D. - UST; Robles, Miguel Carmelo C. - PWU; Semilla, Ralph Allen S. - UE; Sy, Mary Ann - UST; Veral, Andrei A. - PWU

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Emmie G. Velarde

sms feedback: inquirer ent name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 283 (Smart) or email us at entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

Website: www.inquirer.net/entertainment

P29 Combo 1: 1 Donut + Coffee Regular

P29 Combo 2: 5 Munchkins + 1 Coca-Cola

P39 Combo 3: 2 Cups of Coffee Regular

P46 Combo 4: 2 Choco Wackos + 1 Coca-Cola

SulitiPid combos

Pasalubong ng Bayan™

Akon, heart and soul

By Pocholo Concepcion

AKON BROKE INTO the scene only in 2004, and yet the Senegalese-American singer-songwriter has become so hot that he landed a spot at the all-star "Live Earth" concerts early this year.

But what's more amazing is that he's performing on Nov. 29 at the Araneta Coliseum. Either the local concert promoter is a good negotiator, or Akon himself is such a cool dude that he agreed to come to Manila at this point of his career.

It's difficult not to like his music, although the way he stares on the cover of his second album

"Konvicted" (MCA) can be intimidating. (He doesn't hide the fact that he spent five years in jail for armed robbery and drug dealing). But whatever negative notion that springs from this thug image dissipates as the songs start playing.

Akon must really have high credentials in the industry. How else can one explain the presence of rap royalty like Eminem and Snoop Dogg on two tracks in "Konvicted"?

The thing is that Akon can't be described outright as a hip hop artist. But definitely he's got soul and his songs lean heavily on R&B. And there's one cut, "Mama Africa," which grooves on a reggae beat.

The biggest factor that makes Akon such a big worldwide hit



(more than 5 million copies of "Konvicted" sold) is his wonderful ear for melody that wafts through his smooth, engaging voice. "Silky" is how some writers have described those vocals, which somehow soften some of the rough subjects in the album.

It's hard to comprehend what

he's saying in some tracks (no lyric sheet provided), but apparently the first three tracks, "Shakedown," "Blown Away" and "Smack That" are direct experiences Akon had as a fearless 15-year-old engaged in criminal activities. The tense situation

AKON/G2

WHAT'S ON



Get immersed in this band's sentimental rock ballads.

HALE

Robinsons Malls

www.robinsonsmalls.com

Dermstrata
Skin Clinic and Spa

Step into the light...

Introducing
Morrocan Peel

Three (3) kinds of deep peeling treatments that visibly whiten, smooth and renew skin. Ideal for acne marks, scars, pigmentation, wrinkles and stretch marks.

Pops Fernandez
Singer/Actress

Bianca King
Model/Actress

IFL Depilation (Borracho Hair Removal) • Luma Therapy (Wrinkle and Pore Minimizer) • Mesomassage (Non-Surgical Body Sculpting) • Laser Hair Removal • Crystal Resurfacing (Intense Exfoliation)

Park Square 2 Makati / 8159667 Ever Gotesco Commonwealth / 9526421 SM Manila / 5229997 Facial Glow by Dermstrata, SM Manila / 4042370 Festival Supermall / 8077398 Annapolis Greenhills / 7244082 Isetann Recto / 7363781 Market! Market! Global City / 7582203 Novaliches Shopping Mall / 9399018 Robinsons Fairview / 9389667 SM Bacoor / (046) 4177986 SM Cagayan de Oro / (088) 8591167 SM Dasmariñas / (046) 4323043 SM Marilao / (044) 2388045 SM Pampanga / (045) 9616962 SM Southmall / 8064319 SM Centerpoint / 7153988 Sta. Lucia East / 6818491 SM Bicutan / 5240254 SM Fairview / 9377710 SM San Lazaro / 7562437 SM North Edsa The Block / 4420375 SM Valenzuela / 2921939 SM Sta. Rosa / (049) 5344659 SM Lucena / (042) 3735412 SM Mall of Asia / 5560437 Trinoma / 9166170 Greenbelt / 7519520

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS MOVIE GUIDE



www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

GALLERIA	
1 BEOWULF • THX 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30	6 BOOGEYMAN 2 12:40 3:00 5:20
2 BEOWULF 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00	7 SUPERBAD 12:20 2:45 5:10 7:35 10:00
3 FRED CLAUSE Sneak Preview 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00	8 indieSine: PAIN THINGS 1:00 2:30 4:00 5:30 7:00 8:30
4 THE KINGDOM Sneak Preview 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00	9 GAME PLAN 1:00 3:10 5:20 7:30 9:40
5 ONE MORE CHANCE 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50	10 THE NANNY DIARIES 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

ERMITA	
1 30 DAYS of NIGHT 12:35 3:00 5:35 8:00 10:00	6 GAME PLAN 12:35 2:55 5:15 7:35 10:00
2 BOOGEYMAN 2 11:10 1:25 3:40 5:55 8:05 10:00	7 THE NANNY DIARIES 12:00 2:00 4:00 6:00 8:00 10:00
3 LIONS FOR LAMBS 12:50 2:40 4:30 6:20 8:10 10:00	1 SUPERBAD 12:00 2:00 4:00 6:00 8:00 10:00
4 LUST CAUTION 12:30 3:40 6:50 10:00	2 ONE MORE CHANCE 11:25 1:55 4:25 6:55 9:25
5 ONE MORE CHANCE 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00	3 BEOWULF 11:20 2:00 4:40 7:20 10:00

METRO EAST	
1 GAME PLAN 4:05 3:40 6:20 9:00	5 SUPERBAD 11:10 1:40 4:10 6:40 9:10
2 ONE MORE CHANCE 11:00 1:30 4:00 6:30 9:00	6 LIONS FOR LAMBS 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00
3 30 DAYS of NIGHT 1:10 3:40 6:20 9:00	7 BEOWULF 10:50 1:20 3:55 6:30 9:05
4 BOOGEYMAN 2 11:50 2:10 4:30 6:50 9:10	8 THE NANNY DIARIES 12:05 2:15 4:25 6:40 9:00

NOVALICHES	
1 ONE MORE CHANCE	3 THE NANNY DIARIES
2 BEOWULF	4 SUPERBAD

PIONEER	
1 THE NANNY DIARIES	3 SUPERBAD
2 ONE MORE CHANCE	4 BEOWULF

SNEAKPREVIEWS

november 19 and 20

Robinsons Movieworld
GALLERIA
ERMITA
METRO EAST
NOVALICHES
PIONEER

REGULARShowing
november 28

MTRCB Rating: PG13

THE KINGDOM

STA. ROSA	
1 BEOWULF	1 HIGHLANDER
2 GHOST SON	2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 SUPERBAD	3 HALLOWEEN
4 ONE MORE CHANCE	4 KUNG FU FIGHTER
	5 SUPERBAD

DASMARINAS	
1 30 DAYS of NIGHT	1 BEOWULF
2 BALLS of FURY	2 30 DAYS of NIGHT
3 SUPERBAD	3 THE NANNY DIARIES
4 ONE MORE CHANCE	4 ONE MORE CHANCE
5 BEOWULF	5 SUPERBAD

ANGELES	
1 BEOWULF	1 THE SEEKER: Dark is Rising
2 ONE MORE CHANCE	2 APAT DAPAT APAT
3 SUPERBAD	3 RENDITION
4 30 DAYS of NIGHT	

STARMILLS	
1 SUPERBAD	4 UNREST
2 30 DAYS of NIGHT	5 BALLS of FURY
3 ONE MORE CHANCE	6 BEOWULF

BACOLOD	
1 BEOWULF	1 BEOWULF
2 ONE MORE CHANCE	2 ONE MORE CHANCE
3 indieSine: NUMBALIKDIWA	3 SUPERBAD
4 HALLOWEEN	4 HIGHLANDER
5 SUPERBAD	5 RENDITION
6 UNREST	6 BALLS of FURY

NUMBALIKDIWA

only at
IndieSine Robinsons Movieworld Galleria

NOW SHOWING

Bobby Bonifacio Jr.'s

NUMBALIKDIWA

Starring:
MARICEL SORIANO &
ALBERT MARTINEZ

MMTA METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION MOVIE GUIDE NOW SHOWING

CINEMAPLEX	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Center Mall Cinema	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Jade Cinema	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Centre Plaza Cinema	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

Akon, heart . . .

From page G1

portrayed in "Shakedown," for instance, recalls the times he would get caught by the police. And "Smack That," featuring Eminem doing some fluid rapping, is about the perks of the gangsta life, such as women falling all over him because he's got a nice car and loads of cash.

Cliché as these may seem, it's the melody and Akon's great singing voice that account for these songs' popularity.

Even the love tunes are shocking in their explicit language. What appears on the song title as "I Wanna Love You" is actually "I Wanna F_k You"—in which Akon figures in a seduction scene with a stripper in some club, and with Snoop Dogg guesting on rap vocals. What's funny is that it doesn't sound a bit repulsive because Akon's singing is, uh, romantic.

It's not all harsh and graphic, though. "The Rain" and "Never Took the Time" border on the sentimental, with Akon describing depression with the weather and regret over lost love, respectively. "Mama Africa" is a tribute to the black race's homeland, made more pleasant with a surprising reggae arrangement.

But if there's one sole reason for Akon's mass acceptance among our local youth, it has to be the song "Don't Matter" which ends this 12-track CD.

We remember DJ Mo Twister promoting it heavily during his early morning radio program several months ago, and hearing it every day helped bring across the message that Akon really knows how to craft hooks for a great pop song.

The lyrics are quite simple and, again, full of clichés ("Nobody wanna see us together/But it don't matter, no/Cause I got you . . ."). Yet they don't appear as drawbacks, since he has this terribly charming way of singing.

Akon looks rough and scary, but he's got charm that makes dangerous sound like fun.

EASTWOOD CINEMAS	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

POWER PLANT CINEMA	
1 6:00pm BEOWULF	1 6:00pm ONE MORE CHANCE
2 8:00pm	2 8:00pm SUPER BAD
3 10:00pm	3 10:00pm LUST CAUTION

SHANG CINEPLEX

1 BEOWULF
MTRCB PG-13
2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

2 ONE MORE CHANCE
MTRCB PG-13
2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

3 THE NANNY DIARIES
MTRCB GP
12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

4 THE KINGDOM
MTRCB PG-13
2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

PREMIERE THEATRE
SUPER BAD (R-18)
1:45, 4:10, 6:35, 9:00

Movies and schedules are subject to change without prior notice.

Catch the Cineplex Special

Shang Cineplex E-see Club
Enjoy exciting privileges, rewards and discounts.
Apply at the Shang Cineplex ticket counters.
Log-on to www.shangcineplex.com
or call 633-4735 for details

6th floor, Shangri-La Plaza Mall
EDSA corner Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Call 633-2227 or 633-4735 for more details.

GREENHILLS CINEMAS

GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA

THEATRE MALL

a landmark re-imagined

NOW SHOWING

1 NANNY DIARIES
MTRCB GP
11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:35, 12:50

2 BOOGEYMAN 2
MTRCB GP
11:00, 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30

PROMENADE
GREENHILLS
a destination for all

NOW SHOWING

3 SUPERBAD // FRED CLAUSE
MTRCB R-18 // GP
11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00

4 ONE MORE CHANCE
MTRCB PG-13
11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

5 BEOWULF
MTRCB PG-13
10:45, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. FOR CINEMA INQUIRIES, CALL 722-4496.

MUSIC MUSEUM
November 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2007
November 20, 2007
November 22, 2007

"Into the Woods" musical
Angelos
Body Builders
8:00 PM
8:00 PM
8:00 PM

THEATRE MALL
Nov. 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2007
Cerrado Classic
8:00 PM

PROMENADE GREENHILLS

FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL 722-4532 LOC 116

BEA Alonzo and John Lloyd Cruz



'One More Chance' gets a 'B'

By Marinel R. Cruz

CATHY GARCIA MOLINA'S "One More Chance" has received a "B" rating from the Cinema Evaluation Board (CEB) for the "very good and sensitive" performance rendered by its lead actors, John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo.

"They have graduated from their bubble-gummy roles and can really be considered serious actors now," a CEB member said of the actors during the deliberations last week.

An "A" grade entitles a movie to a 100-percent tax rebate while a "B" enjoys a 65-percent discount.

"Cruz and Alonzo displayed joy and pain so beautifully in their miens and actions," another CEB member said. "The two are more natural in tackling mature roles than when they do pa-cute characters."

In the movie, Popoy (Cruz) and Basha (Alonzo) are inseparable since they met and fell in love as students in a university.

But what seems to be a perfect relationship turns sour and leads to a very painful breakup.

The Board also commended the performance of newcomer Maja Salvador, who despite her limited scenes in the movie is "most sensitive and effective."

"She breezes out her role as effortlessly and as naturally as possible. Happiness and suffering are clearly seen on her face, in her action, in her words," a CEB member said.

The Board members were also impressed with director Molina's work, noting that she "took pains and succeeded in restrain-

ing the film from becoming too mushy and cutesy."

"Of course," says another critic, "the intelligently crafted screenplay by Vanessa Valdez and Carmi Raymundo helped in making 'One More Chance' a beautiful film."

CEB chair Christine Dayrit said the movie would have gotten an "A" had its editing

been "tighter" and its cinematography, more "focused."

But the production design is "beautiful and attractive," the scoring and sound are "just right—nothing garish or obstructive, nothing intruding," the Board noted.

The movie also casts Derek Ramsay, Dimples Romana, Bea Saw, Janus del Prado and James Blanco.

SNEAK PREVIEWS TODAY!
REGULAR SHOWING STARTS NOVEMBER 28

MPAA RATING: **GENERAL AUDIENCE** All Ages Admitted.

You're invited to a very unusual family reunion.



vince vaughn paul giamatti
SANTA'S BROTHER IS COMING TO TOWN.

FRED CLAUS

WARNER BROS. PICTURES PRESENTS
A SILVER PICTURES PRODUCTION BASED UPON THE STORY BY DAVID DOUBKIN
AND JESSIE NELSON. SCREENPLAY BY VANESSA VALDEZ AND CARMY RAYMUNDO. DIRECTED BY DAVID DOUBKIN.
VINCE VAUGHN PAUL GIAMATTI "FRED CLAUS" MIRANDA RICHARDSON
JOHN MICHAEL HIGGINS ELIZABETH BANKS
WITH RACHEL WEISZ KATHY BATES KEVIN SPACEY
JESSIE NELSON AND DAN FOGELMAN
www.fredclausmovie.co.uk



In Cinemas November 21

Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

AT THE CINEMAS

THX

Reserve your tickets by texting SURESEATS G83 or SURESEATS G4 to 2333 (Globe) or 211 (Smart) or log on to www.sureseats.com for web reservations.
Movie schedules may change without prior notice. For verification, please call 729-7777

GLORIETTA 1	1 THE KINGDOM	2 BEOWULF	3 FRED CLAUS	4 ONE MORE CHANCE
GLORIETTA 4	1 FRED CLAUS	2 THE KINGDOM	3 BEOWULF	GUARANTEED SEATS
GREENBELT 1	1 ONE MORE CHANCE	2 BEOWULF		
GREENBELT 3	1 THE KINGDOM	2 BEOWULF		GUARANTEED SEATS
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 BEOWULF	2 THE NANNY DIARIES		
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 BEOWULF	2 SUPER BAD	3 ONE MORE CHANCE	4 BALLS OF FURY
MARKET! MARKET!	1 ONE MORE CHANCE	2 FRED CLAUS		
TRINOMA	1 ONE MORE CHANCE	2 THE NANNY DIARIES	3 FRED CLAUS	4 THE KINGDOM
	5 THE GAME PLAN / BOOGEYMAN 2	6 SUPER BAD	7 BEOWULF	GUARANTEED SEATS

AT THE MALLS

CONCIERGE HOTLINE NUMBERS:

Glorietta - 752 7272
Greenbelt - 757 4653 to 54

Alabang Town Center - 842 2782; 772 1860
Ayala Center Cebu - (032) 231 5342 loc. 324

Market! Market! - 886 7519
TriNoma - 901 3800

Ayala Malls

glorietta

Sounds of Christmas: Christmas Chorale
feat. Phil. Jesuit Community
November 24; 6pm; Glorietta 4 Park

GREENBELT

Holiday Open Concert
November 24 & Dec 2; 8pm; Greenbelt 3 Park

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

Seussical The Musical
November 23 to 25; 11am, 3pm & 6pm; Activity Center

AYALA CENTER CEBU

Metrobank Car Event
November 24 to 25; Activity Center, Paseos and Rotunda Area

MARKET! MARKET!

Lifestyle and Vanity Outlet Sale
November 19 to 23; Activity Center

Onstage

Repertory Philippines presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
November 9 - December 16, 2007
For inquiries, pls. call 887-0710
or visit www.repertory-philippines.com

Ayala MUSEUM

WATER: THE MEDIUM by Juvenal Sanso
November 24 to January 13, 2008; Ground Floor Gallery
For more info, pls. call 757-7117 to 21 loc. 14 or email museum_inquiry@ayalamuseum.org

Tri Noma

Rhythm Academy: Sam Concepcion
with the Augustinian Larks
December 9; 6pm; Activity Center

Rhythm Academy: Pops Fernandez
and The UP Cherubim and Seraphim
December 16; 6pm; Activity Center

Glorietta 4 HOLIDAY CINEMA TREATS

Watch any movie at Glorietta 4 Cinemas and enjoy on exciting treats from participating Glorietta 4 food establishments!

Offer may not be availed of in conjunction with other promotion.
Promo Period: November 14 to December 31, 2007.
Ayala Malls Cinemas... Beyond Movies!
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A2-503, Series of 2007.
See posters for more details.

TIMEZONE CHRISTMAS TREATS

FREE **ENCHANTED** journals and notepads when you play at Timezone from November 20 to December 31, 2007

Walt Disney Pictures' **Enchanted** opens November 21 in cinemas

See banners for more details Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4111 Series of 2007

glorietta

GREENBELT

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

AYALA CENTER CEBU

MARKET! MARKET!

TriNoma

Enchanting Patrick Dempsey

By Janet Susan R. Nepales
Contributor

LOS ANGELES—Everything they said about Patrick "McDreamy" Dempsey's style and reputation are true.

Sharply dressed in an all-black Paul Smith outfit, Dempsey walked into a roomful of journalists with his sexy unshaven look, killer smile and dreamy eyes.

To make matters worse, or should we say "sinful" especially to all the married and

committed reporters, Dempsey turned out to be a true charmer and wonderful storyteller.

This writer was the lucky recipient of a nudge here and a touch there when he demonstrated to us how he and "Enchanted" co-star Amy Adams (Princess Giselle) had to learn a ballroom dance in the Disney fairytale cum modern-day New York City love story.

"It was simply magical," Dempsey described the Kevin Lima-directed romantic comedy where he portrays the

handsome, no-nonsense divorce lawyer, Robert Phillip.

Of the Robert Phillip toy doll, Dempsey exclaimed, "I still cannot believe I have a doll!"

This actor with Irish heritage, a Golden Globe nominee for his popular neurosurgeon role of Dr. Derek Shepherd in the drama "Grey's Anatomy," found doing the Disney movie a refreshing break from his "McDreamy" TV role.

Nonviolent role

"I thought it was a great opportunity to do something different," he said. "I like the fact that it was nonviolent because we already have too much violence in this world. I also like the idea of the guy taking care of his daughter by himself, without a wife."

The movie, which also casts James Marsden (Prince Edward), Susan Sarandon (Queen Narissa), Timothy Spall (Nathaniel) and Idina Menzel (Nancy Tremaine), is the story of a princess from Andalusia who accidentally lands in the middle of New York City's Times Square on her wedding day.

"The witty combination of animation, real life adventure, musical comedy, and love story makes 'Enchanted' one of those fun, magical movies I would love to take my kids to see," Dempsey disclosed.

He is married to noted make-up artist and founder of Delux Beauty, Jillian Fink. They have three children—five-year-

old daughter Tallulah Fyfe and nine-month-old twin boys Darby Galen and Sullivan Patrick.

Second sexiest

Coming in second to another family man, Matt Damon, in this year's People Magazine "Sexiest Man Alive" poll, Dempsey is also as human as any other charming man. He explained how he stepped on Amy Adams' foot and ripped her toenails off while shooting "Enchanted."

He narrated: "When we were doing the dance scene, Amy, who was a ballerina, would not allow me to lead her. Then one time, she took off her shoes because they



PRINCE CHARMING. Patrick plays a princess' man in story book romance given a modern twist.

were giving her blisters. She danced barefoot with me and I accidentally stepped on her foot and ripped off her toenails. She was wounded! So Kevin (Lima) told her that she should let me lead her and I should start leading in order to get what we wanted. We did exactly that and Amy started to look at me, too, while we danced and from then on, everything went smoothly."

Their chemistry is so good, viewers would think they have been working with each other for a long time. It was actually their first time to be paired in a movie.

"Amy is very talented, absolutely brilliant and smart. It is fascinating to watch her turn from fairytale princess to real life Manhattan girl," the 41-year-old Dempsey said.

As for working with the legendary Susan Sarandon,

Dempsey admitted, "I was amazed how easy it was to work with Susan. She was down-to-earth and was just one of the guys. One time, she brought a tequila bottle to the set and asked us to have tequila shots since 'it's Friday!' I love her because she is not at all self-conscious. It is really interesting to note that the more successful people are, the more normal they are."

Private tutor

Dempsey, who also appeared in "The Emperor's Club" and "Freedom Writers," enjoyed dancing in the movie. "I took some lessons in ballroom dancing at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. Gene Kelly once tutored me privately." He said with a smile, "I am just glad though that I wasn't asked to sing in the movie."

With a wink, he added, "I am supposed to be one of the 'real' guys and normally, real people don't just break into a song."

No, I thought, real guys just become green with envy with McDreamy.



WITH Amy Adams, who plays Princess Giselle, in "Enchanted"



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
SEC Bldg., EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City



CORPORATION FINANCE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

VIVA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Registrant

REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2007, a sworn statement was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of Viva Communications, Inc. for the registration of 408,952,148 common shares of stock with par value of P11.00 each which shall be sold or offered for sale as follows:

		Offer Price
Primary Offer	92,857,143 Common shares	P 9.72 to P12.93
Secondary Offer	49,999,500 Common shares	P 9.72 to P12.93
Issued and Outstanding	266,095,505 Common shares	P 1.00

According to the papers presented, the following persons are the officers/directors of the corporation:

Vicente R. del Rosario Jr.
Teresita R. Cruz
Teofilo R. del Rosario
Vincent G. del Rosario
Veronique R. Corpus
Eduardo A. Yotoko
Ray A. Dempsey
Marcia Gina L. Lopez
Elsie Torrejon Rufino
Marie Ann G. Gomez
Maria Theresa C. Santiago

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Director, President and Chief Operations Officer
Director
Director, Executive Vice President/Treasurer
Director, Senior Vice President
Independent Director
Independent Director
Corporate Secretary and Legal Counsel
Executive Officer for Films and Broadcast
Group Comptroller
Comptroller

The registration statement and other papers/documents attached thereto are open to inspection by interested parties during business hours at the Securities and Exchange Commission, EDSA, Quezon City, and copies thereof will be furnished to interested parties upon request at such reasonable fees as the Commission may prescribe.

JUSTINA F. CALLANGAN
Director

GET A CHANCE TO BE A **MILLIONAIRE** THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



COLLECT ALL 5 DESIGNS
WITH THE SAME PRIZE AND WIN UP TO
P1 MILLION CASH TAX FREE!



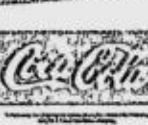
OVER 7 MILLION IN CASH PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

10 winners of P100,000 • 100 winners
of P10,000 • 500 winners of P5,000 •
15,000 winners of P100 Gift Certificate

Promo Hotline: (02) 706-0888
Promo Runs November 14 to January 22, 2008



Sponsored by:



Per DTI-PCR Permit No. 4954, Series of 2007

ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail: entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

INSIDE

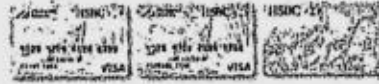
- 'Shall We Dance' turns two /H2
- Game shows duel Viewfinder /H4



Get a free PAL Roundtrip Ticket or a Mango Bracelet Watch with a new HSBC credit card. Call (02) 85-800 now!

Mahabubay
MILES

MANGO



HSBC
The world's local bank

Issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

Terms & Conditions apply. See application forms for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5170 and 5128, Series of 2007

Erring celebrities owe the public an apology

ASKING FOR A PUBLIC APOLOGY SEEMS to be the "in" thing in show biz these days. Piolo Pascual and Sam Milby want one from Lolit Solis for her alleged libelous article about them. Cristine Reyes demands the same from Carlene Aguilar after the beauty queen confronted her regarding

Dennis Trillo.

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

PJ, Sam and Cristine have every right to do so. But isn't an act of contrition more sincere when it's said behind closed doors? Perhaps what erring show biz folk ought to make is an apology to the public for thinking they can get away with anything just because of who they are.

How long can the public endure show biz excesses being rammed down their TV screens?

Waiting for a promise

Cristine Reyes is still licking her own wounds. She has filed a case against Car-



CARLENE Aguilar



CRISTINE Reyes

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

lene Aguilar for oral defamation and slander. Although Dennis has apologized to her already for the trouble Carlene has caused her, Cristine is still waiting for his promise to clear her name in public.

"I hope he makes a statement soon to defend me. I don't wanna talk to him now. *Masama pa ang loob ko sa mga nangyari*," she laments.

It's not true that she's planning to quit show biz due to the scandal. Isn't there a chance for her and Dennis to pick up from where they left off?

"Only time will tell," she sighs. "But I'd be lying if I say I don't miss our closeness. One thing I miss about Dennis is the way he always knows how to cheer me up by giving me a big hug and kissing me on the forehead."

Hmm ... kiss and make up? Or kiss goodbye?

Slander of unjust vexation

Speaking of Cristine's lawsuit, I wonder if Carlene's nasty text messages and her whispered bitchy remark to Cristine is considered slanderous since it wasn't heard/read by the public and it just transpired between both of them. Isn't it technically more of an unjust vexation?

I'm no lawyer but having been embroiled in several controversies myself, I'm quite familiar with some nuances of the law. Oh well ... if a lawyer is creative enough, then he can make the improbable probable.

How true?

A reader from Austin, Texas (Irene Rose) e-mailed me, asking to check out track seven of Jim Brickman's latest CD "Hope" (<http://profile.imeem.com/ES-FcCb8/music/JXd9udy6/hope/>), because it sounds very much like Nelson del Castillo's early '90s hit "If." I listened to it and I agree with Irene's observation. She wonders if Nelson is aware

The new Nokia N95 8GB. The device taken to the next level.



The new Nokia N95 8GB boasts of a bigger 8GB internal memory, a wider 2.8" QVGA screen, a 5 megapixel camera with Carl Zeiss optics, DVD-grade videos, the Nokia Video Center and more. The device just got all beefed up.

3G
MOBILE BROADBAND

HSDPA

WiFi



Carl Zeiss Optics



It's what

have become.

Copyright © Nokia 2007. All rights reserved. Nokia, Nseries, N95 8GB are trademarks or registered trademarks of Nokia Corporation. Other products and company names mentioned herein may be trademarks or tradenames of their respective owners. The availability of particular products and services may vary by region. Check with the Nokia dealer nearest to you. Operations, services and some features may be dependent on the network and/or SIM card, as well as on the compatibility of the device used and the content formats supported. Some services are subject to a separate charge. For more information, contact your service provider. Specifications are subject to change without notice. Copyright protections may prevent some images, music, and other content from being copied, modified or transferred.

Available at the following Nokia Stores nationwide: Greenbelt 1, Glorietta Digital Xchange, Tomas Morato, Festival Mall, SM City North Edsa, Gaisano Davao, Gateway Mall, Robinsons Manila, Robinsons Galleria, SM Davao, Tacloban City, Lim Ket Kai Center CDO, Alabang Town Center, Mall of Asia, Podium, Greenhills, SM City Cebu, SM Iloilo, SM Bacolod, Rockwell, Bonifacio High Street, Trinoma, Dagupan, SM Batangas, SM Pampanga

Make sure your new Nokia Multimedia Computer is protected by a 12-month warranty on parts and services from Nokia Care. Buy only at authorized Nokia retailers. Visit www.nokia.com.ph to check the retail store nearest you. For more information, text NOKIA PHONE N95 8GB to 2910. P2.50 for Smart and Globe subscribers, P2.00 for Sun subscribers



PBB ALUMNA Chix Alcala and JR Gotengco do the chacha.



HOST Dominic Ochoa, right, chats with Jojit Cabuenas and Joy Viado.

Grace under pressure

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by August de la Cruz

HOST LUCY TORRES SAYS reporting for work in far-away Novaliches for the ABC 5 celebrity contest "Shall We Dance" (SWD), which marks its second year this month, is like coming home.

She describes the show's cast and crew as a "small, closely knit team." For the past two years, they have become tight like a family.

Co-host Arnell Ignacio agrees: "It's difficult to put up a show if the staffers and the stars don't know each other. If there's a problem, we easily solve it because we're a team. We all enjoy doing the show."

According to co-host Dominic Ochoa, he doesn't consider work on the set as burdensome. "Even though the ABC 5 studio is two hours away from my home in the suburbs, I still look forward to our tapings."

For international dance sport champion and judge Ednah Ledesma, everyone—from the hosts to director Rich Ilustre—works hard to make the show "glamorous and fast-paced."

Judge Regine Tolentino says they all want what's best for the show, acknowledging that each member of the SWD team is willing to go the extra mile for the program.

Tolentino is a good example. Apart from her duties as juror, she has also been acting as couturier for the celebrity contestants

ABC 5 dance show marks second year against all odds



REGINE Tolentino and her assistant fuss over Chix Alcala's skirt in the dressing room.



PBB TEEN idol Mikee Lee dances up a storm with partner Raine Trinidad.

and for Torres for their dance numbers since day one.

"Every taping day is like a 'Project Runway' race for me," says Tolentino of the hectic pace of making the costumes, comparing it to a US reality show/fashion competition. "It really pushes me to the limit. Sometimes the stars can only do fittings the night before. Sometimes I don't even know their measurements so I have to guess and whip up something from scratch."

It's about grace under pressure, Tolentino adds.

At the time of the INQUIRER visit, Tolentino had to rush backstage and sew up the dress of celeb contestant Chix Alcala.

Tolentino says her goal is to highlight the contestants' assets, so they can feel like a different person while dancing.

A big challenge was dressing up the show's heavyweight contestants Malou Crisologo, Marissa Sanchez and Dinky Doo Jr. Crisologo eventually emerged as champ.

"This program allows me to show off my skills and develop my creativity," Tolentino says.

The contestants are similarly put to the test.

"They're all hard-working and raring to unveil their hidden talent," Tolentino adds. Ledesma says they want to show "the other side of celebrities."

Ongoing is the dance showdown among pop singers Sitti and Nina and comedienne Tuesday Vargas.

Judge Audie Gemora recalls that initially, some celebrities took rehearsals for granted. "But later they realized that they had to take it seriously. Otherwise, they'd end up looking foolish."

Ledesma observes that the stars' commit-

MALOU Crisologo vamps it up with Jeffrey Derilo.



HOSTS Arnell Ignacio and Lucy Torres rehearse their spiels between takes.



LUCY Torres takes a coffee break on the set.



ment have yielded positive results. "They put in a lot of work and their transformations are always amazing," she says. Some not only lose weight, they also acquire discipline. Some rehearse beyond the usual three to four hours per week. They have newfound appreciation and respect for dance.

Gemora commends plus-size contestants Crisologo and Sanchez. "Even if they were disadvantaged because of their weight, they still showed viewers that they could be graceful. Malou vamped it up. Marissa did splits. They surprised me."

JUDGES Ednah Ledesma, Audie Gemora and Regine Tolentino give the show and the celeb contestants high scores.



REALITY stars, from left, Uma Khouny with Victoria Huyatid, Mikee Lee with Raine Trinidad, and Chix Alcala with JR Gotengco, in a dance showdown.

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2007

ENTERTAINMENT

Erring celebrities...

From page H1
of this since his name isn't in the album's credits. But would a renowned songwriter like Brickman dare take credit for a composition that's not his own?

Soiree Beaujolais

Join the revelry at Le Club French Chamber of Commerce's 13th celebration of Soirée Beaujolais Festival at Sofitel Philippine Plaza on Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Loire Valley Castles," which will take guests into the vineyards where Beaujolais Nouveau is sourced. The show's hosts are Johnny Litton and Tessa Prieto-Valdez, with guests The Bloomfields and The Hotlegs. A whopping P1 million worth of raffle prizes are at stake. For tickets, call 8139005. *Faisons la fete!*

Staple location

For any romantic scene, Miladay Jewels has become a staple location for Filipino filmmakers. The cast of "One More

Chance" had fun shooting at the jewelry store's Trinoma branch. SVP for Marketing Christine Dayrit, who's also chairperson of the Cinema Evaluation Board, says that many show biz couples like Susan Roces and the late FPJ got their wedding bands from her family's store.

'Sikil'

Temperatures will rise to the max in the provocative film "Sikil" (New Life Cinema), which will have its Philippine premiere on Nov. 22 at the UP Film Center (5 and 7 p.m.). It is top-billed by Roni Bertubin, Ken Escudero, Will Sandejas and Ashely Silverio. The uncut version is the lone Philippine entry to International film festivals in Valencia, Cancun and Palm Spring. *Sikil* means to restrain. Catch it and see how long you can contain your hidden desires. What you resist will persist!

E-mail wateringholeshangrila@yahoo.com.

Splashy Vegas show

CHICAGO—Celine Dion said the nearly five years she spent performing in her Las Vegas concert extravaganza were exciting, demanding and never boring.

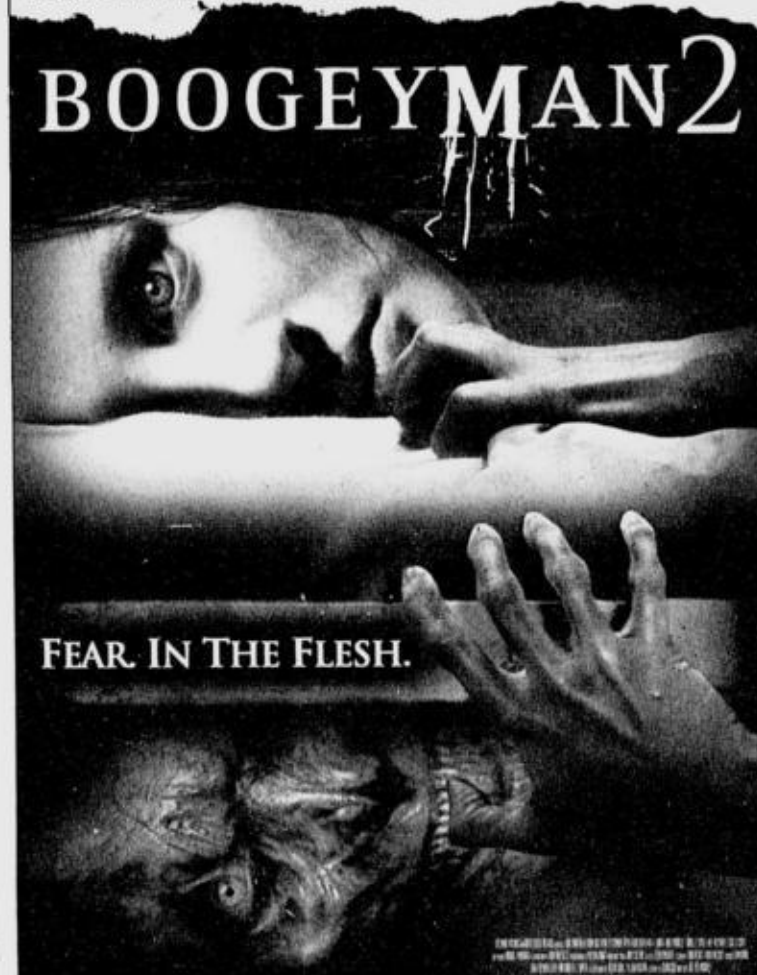
The splashy show, which opened in March 2003 at Caesars Palace, will close Dec. 15.

"You know the crowd and the people there is different every night, to start with," Dion said on an episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" broadcast last week.

AP

STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UP.

2ND WEEK
AFTER "THE GRUDGE" & "THE MESSENGERS"
COMES ANOTHER TERRIFYING MASTERPIECE
FROM SAM RAIMI THE DIRECTOR OF "SPIDERMAN 1,2&3"



SNEAK PREVIEWS

You're invited to a very unusual family reunion.



vince vaughn paul giamatti

SANTA'S BROTHER IS COMING TO TOWN
FRED CLAUS

www.freddoclausovie.com

November 19 & 20

galleria ermita
metro east
novaliches
pioneer

REGULAR Showing
november 28

MTRCB
Rating: PG13



SHARE A MOVIE WITH A LOVED ONE

movietime
SHOWTIME

VISIT WWW.SMCINEMA.COM
* Powered by WWW.YEHEY.COM

Your life as a movie

BIG MOVIES • BIG STARS • BIG SHOWS • BIG EVENTS

Watch the epic battle of legendary heroes like it has never been seen before in the newest breakthrough in Philippine cinema

BEOWULF

IN DIGITAL 3D

Experience CLARITY in vision and sound (with no scratches or ghosting)
Guaranteed PERFECTION in projection (even after several runs)
Full IMMERSIVE action with polarized 3D glasses (that you can bring home after the movie)

NOW SHOWING
THE BLOCK CINEMA 1, SM CITY NORTH EDSA

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
P 300 (Reserved Seats)
Please call 929 5452 for inquiries.



Screening Schedule:

10:30 A.M. • 1:30 P.M. • 4:30 P.M. • 7:30 P.M. • 10:30 P.M.

Watch "Beowulf" at the one, only and true digital cinema in the country today!

SM MALL OF ASIA 556-0104

IMAX
BEOWULF 3D Admission Price: P400
12:30 PM • 3:00 PM • 7:00 PM • 9:30 PM
DEEP SEA 3D Admission Price: P250
11:00 AM • 5:30 PM

1: BEOWULF
2: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT/ THE KINGDOM
3: THE GAME PLAN/ FRED CLAUSE
4: BOOGEYMAN 2
5: THE NANNY DIARIES
6: ONE MORE CHANCE

PREMIERE CINEMA
ONE MORE CHANCE
CENTERSTAGE
LIONS FOR LAMBS
DIRECTOR'S CLUB
Bookings now accepted. Inquire at 556-2314.

—THE—
PODIUM
CINEMA 1
BEOWULF

CINEMA 2
THE NANNY DIARIES
For ticket reservations, dial 6338976
All major credit cards accepted

SM NORTH EDSA 929-5452

1: BEOWULF (DIGITAL 3D)
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
4: THE NANNY DIARIES
5: THE GAME PLAN
6: THE KINGDOM
7: BEOWULF
8: ONE MORE CHANCE
9: FRED CLAUSE
10: BOOGEYMAN 2
11: ONE MORE CHANCE
12: LIONS FOR LAMBS

SM MEGACINEMA 633-1901

1: THE KINGDOM
2: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: BEOWULF
5: FRED CLAUSE
6: BEOWULF
7: BOOGEYMAN 2
8: HIDE & SEEK
9: THE GAME PLAN
10: ONE MORE CHANCE
11: THE NANNY DIARIES
12: LIONS FOR LAMBS

SM CITY FAIRVIEW 935-0749

1: BOOGEYMAN 2
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: THE GAME PLAN
4: BEOWULF
5: HIDE & SEEK
6: FRED CLAUSE
7: THE KINGDOM
8: ONE MORE CHANCE
9: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
10: THE GHOST SON
11: LIONS FOR LAMBS
12: THE NANNY DIARIES

SM CITY DICUTAN 776-3055

1: BEOWULF
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: THE NANNY DIARIES
4: FRED CLAUSE

SM CITY SAN LAZARO 786-2488

1: BEOWULF
2: BOOGEYMAN 2
3: THE GAME PLAN/ THE KINGDOM
4: THE NANNY DIARIES/ FRED CLAUSE
5: ONE MORE CHANCE
6: ONE MORE CHANCE
SM CITY SUCAT 829-4975
1: FRED CLAUSE
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: BEOWULF
4: THE NANNY DIARIES/ BOOGEYMAN 2

SM SOUTHMALL 806-6888

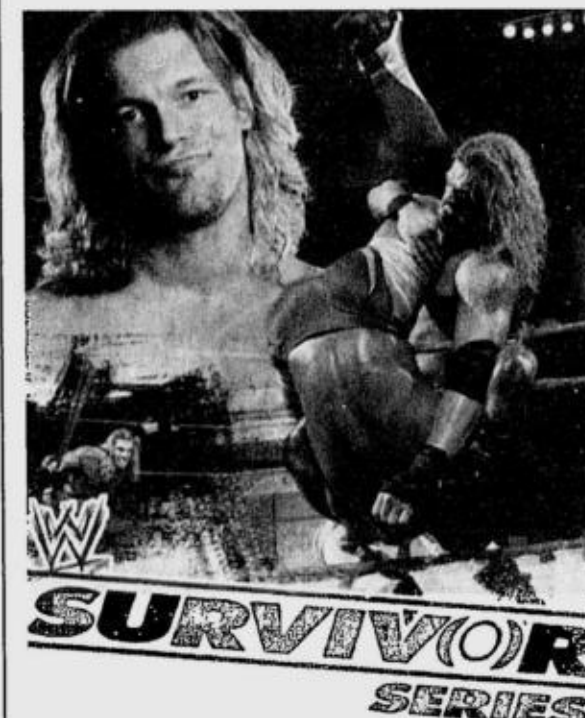
1: BEOWULF
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
4: BOOGEYMAN 2
5: THE NANNY DIARIES
6: THE GAME PLAN
7: WE OWN THE NIGHT/ THE KINGDOM
8: HIDE & SEEK
9: LIONS FOR LAMBS/ FRED CLAUSE
SM CITY STA. MESA 716-1416
1: THE KINGDOM
2: FRED CLAUSE
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: THE GAME PLAN
5: BEOWULF
6: HIDE & SEEK
7: BOOGEYMAN 2
8: LIONS FOR LAMBS
9: THE NANNY DIARIES
10: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT

SM SUPERCENTER MUNTINLUPA 523-9240

1: ONE MORE CHANCE
2: BEOWULF
3: THE NANNY DIARIES
4: FRED CLAUSE

SM CITY MANILA 523-9240

1: BEOWULF
2: THE GAME PLAN
3: THE NANNY DIARIES
4: ONE MORE CHANCE
5: WE OWN THE NIGHT
6: RESERVED
7: BOOGEYMAN 2
8: HIDE & SEEK
9: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
10: GHOST SON/ FRED CLAUSE
11: BALLS OF FURY/ THE KINGDOM
12: ONE MORE CHANCE
SM VALENZUELA 293-3917
1: THE GAME PLAN
2: BEOWULF
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: THE KINGDOM



Watch who will survive to the fittest
In this ultimate wrestling action
on the big screen

LIVE VIA SATELLITE WITH NO COMMERCIAL BREAKS

November 19 (Monday) • 7:00 P.M.
at these SM Cinema branches:

Fairview, Mall of Asia, Manila, Megamall,
North EDSA, San Lazaro, Southmall, Sta. Mesa
P 300 (Reserved Seats) • P 200 (Guaranteed Seats)

Cebu, Pampanga, Clark
P 200 (Reserved Seats) • P 150 (Guaranteed Seats)

Davao
P 150 (Reserved Seats) • P 120 (Guaranteed Seats)

The Podium • P 300 (Reserved Seats)

Win P 50 OFF for students (just present valid ID)



SM CITY BACOR (046)417-3868

1: THE NANNY DIARIES
2: BOOGEYMAN 2
3: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
4: ONE MORE CHANCE
5: BEOWULF
6: ONE MORE CHANCE
7: HIDE & SEEK/ FRED CLAUSE
8: UNREST/ THE KINGDOM
SM CITY MARILAO (044)9332013-17
1: THE GAME PLAN
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: HIDE & SEEK/ ONE MORE CHANCE
4: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT
SM SUPERCENTER MOLINO (040)474-3100
1: BEOWULF
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: FRED CLAUSE
4: THE KINGDOM
SM CITY DASMARINAS (048)433201-04
1: BEOWULF
2: BALLS OF FURY
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT

SM CITY DAVAO (082)2976998

1: BEOWULF
2: KUNG FU FIGHTER
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: STARDUST
5: ONE MORE CHANCE
6: WE OWN THE NIGHT/ HAIRSPRAY
SM CITY CAGAYAN (088)859-2884
1: WE OWN THE NIGHT
2: BALLS OF FURY
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: RESIDENT EVIL 3/ ONE MORE CHANCE

SM CITY DAVAO (033)3209422

1: BALLS OF FURY
2: ONE MORE CHANCE
3: ONE MORE CHANCE
4: RENDITION
5: BEOWULF
6: HIGHLANDER V
7: RESERVED
8: RESERVED

SM CITY CEBU (032)231-3876

1: STARDUST
2: BEOWULF
3: WE OWN THE NIGHT
4: BALLS OF FURY
5: ONE MORE CHANCE
6: HIGHLANDER V
7: ONE MORE CHANCE
8: BEOWULF
SM CITY BACLOB (034) 708 1010
1: ONE MORE CHANCE
2: BEOWULF
3: UNREST
4: THE SEAGUL: THE DARK IS RISING/ ONE MORE CHANCE

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MOVIE LISTING, MTRCB RATING, SCREENING SCHEDULES AND THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT SM CINEMA



GateWay MALL Farmers Plaza
gatewaymall.com.ph

GateWay Cineplex 10
gatewaycineplex10.com

ONLY CINEPLEX IN THE COUNTRY
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

ONE MORE CHANCE 12:30 / 12:55 / 1:25 / 3:15 3:40 / 4:10 / 6:00 / 6:25 6:55 / 8:45 / 9:10 / 9:40	BEOWULF 11:30 / 1:00 / 2:00 / 3:30 4:30 / 6:00 / 7:00 / 8:30 / 9:50 SNEAK PREVIEW: FRED CLAUSE 2:25	BOOGEYMAN 2 12:10 / 2:30 / 4:50 / 7:10 / 9:30	NANNY DIARIES 12:10 / 2:30 / 4:50 / 7:10 / 9:30
PAY PER VIEW: WWE SURVIVOR SERIES 7:00	SNEAK PREVIEW: THE KINGDOM 12:10 / 4:40	SUPERBAD 1:30 / 4:10 / 6:50 / 9:30	BEOWULF 1:30 / 4:00 / 6:30 / 9:00

ARANETA COLISEUM
www.aranetacoliseum.com

PBA GAMES

Nov. 21, Wednesday
4:50 pm PUREFOODS vs ALASKA 7:20 pm WELCOAT vs STA LUCIA

AKON - LIVE IN MANILA

Nov. 29, Thursday 8pm

TEN: PIOLO PASCUAL LIVE AT THE ARANETA

Nov. 30, Friday, 8pm

SKECHERS STREETDANCE BATTLE YEAR 3

Dec. 1, Saturday, 6pm

For ticket inquiries, please call TicketNet at 911-5555 or log on to www.ticketnet.com.ph

**Medical Angels'
Treatment Center**

Treatment Center for Cancer, Kidney Failure and other Dreaded Diseases. The First and Only One of its kind in the world that utilizes Non-toxic, non-invasive, all natural lab based treatment protocol that hastens reversal of the patient's health condition back to normalcy, thereby providing the patient a Cancer-Free, Dialysis-Free productive life, without the need for chemo, radiation, gamma knife, chelation and other modes of therapies.

Waterfront Hotel

TESDA

Salinas Drive

IT Park

Honda DPWH

IT Park

Alavars Harubang Brescia

Salinas Drive

K Bldg.

Datavox

FREE CONSULTATION FOR 1ST 100 CANCER WITH TUMOR MARKERS OR LAB RESULT, RENAL FAILURE PATIENTS WITH CREATININE LAB RESULT PATIENTS.

CLINIC HOURS:

Monday to Friday
8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
2:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Saturday is 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT:

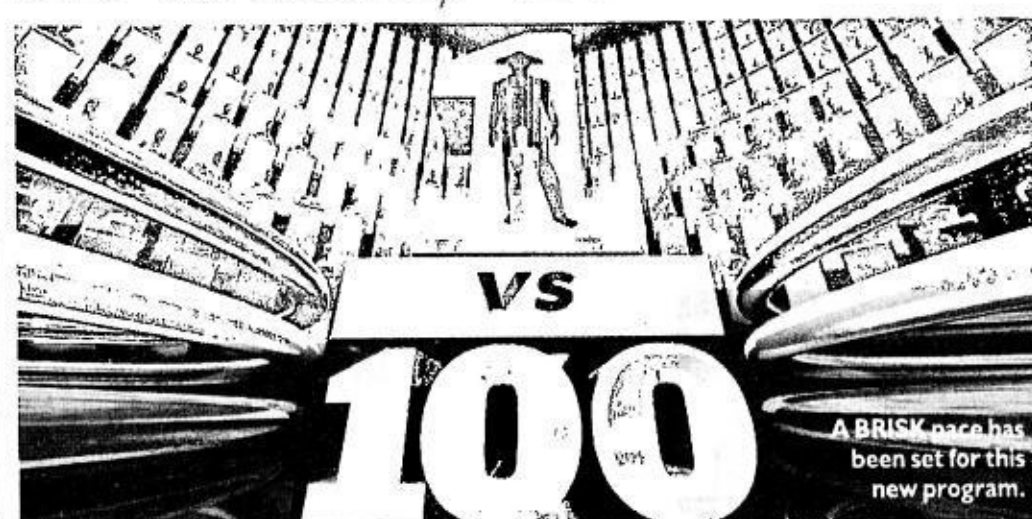
CALL NOW: (032) 238-6636 ,
(032) 412-7537

CEL#: 0918-8227567

www.themedicalangels.com

Address:

Unit 101, K Bldg.,
800A Salinas Drive,
Lahug, Cebu City



Battle of quiz and game shows

THE PRIME TIME TELESERYES AND FANTASERYES may still be dominating local TV programming, but new quiz and game shows have also been coming on strong of late. Are they poised to threaten the hold of established game shows like "Game Ka Na

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Ba?" and "Deal or No Deal" on viewers?

The best of the new lot appears to be "One Versus 100," with quizmaster Edu Manzano proficiently setting a brisk pace for the new program that pits one contestant against an opposing panel of 100.

Every time a panelist comes up with a wrong answer, the contestant wins money—in escalating amounts.

The competition between contestant and panel is friendly, but it certainly isn't staid, as the surviving panelists goad the contestant not to cash in his winnings—because, if he makes an incorrect response, they will get the money he's earned.

Deciding factor

Some telecasts of the show are rollicking fun, while others are quite dull. The deciding factor in this regard appears to be the choice of contestant. If he or she is engaging and intelligent, the program perks up. On the other hand, if the contestant is self-centered, excessively *por-ma* or overly cautious, the show sours up.

So, the production's staffers have their work cut out for them to choose the best possible contestant from week to week.

Successful format

For his part, Janno Gibbs is hosting "Kakasa Ka Ba Sa Grade Five?"—a quiz show patterned after a hit US program that pits adults against a panel of grade school students. The format is successful because viewers are delighted when the kids turn out to be better informed than their sometimes clueless elders.

But Janno's handling of the program could use more zap and savvy. In addition, some of the program's contestants are too clueless for the purpose of the show.

On the plus side, the program reminds adult viewers of facts or lessons they've forgotten, and gets young viewers more interested in learning, so they can be as knowledgeable as the show's kid panelists.

Fast-paced show

Finally, "Whammy" is a fast-paced show that enables celebrity contestants to win a lot of money—and to lose it all instantly if a "monster" icon appears quite by chance. To add insult to injury, the "whammied" celebrity is "slimed" by yucky substances that drip down on his or her noggin.

The program's "all or nothing" format gives it a unique edge. Contestants are continually reminded that jackpots can become sooty, empty pots in an instant, and empathetic viewers learn this sobering lesson as well.

As for the "sliming," most contestants accept it as yet another punishment to endure, but they strive mightily to not allow it to rain on their parade.

'The Namesake'

After watching Indian director Mira Nair's "Monsoon Wedding," we became her fan. Her astute handling of the complex conventions and permutations of a traditional Indian wedding told us that she possessed a rare cinematic sensibility that should be encouraged to further develop and mature, so she can reward us with new stories and insights in the coming years.

Happily, Nair has lost little time following up on her early successes. Her new film, "The Namesake," is about the arranged marriage between Ashoke (Irfan Khan) and Ashiwa (Tabu), who jet off from hot and humid Calcutta to start a new life together in New York.

The two virtual strangers have a son, and the film focuses on him when he becomes a teenager (he's played by Kal Penn). In his quest to find his own identity, he has a tough time making sense of his Bengali roots and his American birthright. All the while, however, his parents cling to their Bengali traditions—and the film's plot and theme thicken.

ANG PINAKA-ENGRANDENG TELEFANTASYA NG TAON!



RICHARD GUTIERREZ

CARLO J. CAPARAS'

KAMANDAG

**BABANGON NA NGAYONG GABI
ANG PINAKAMABAGSIK NA TAGAPAGLIGTAS NG BAYAN!**

GABI-GABI PAGKATAPOS NG ZAIDO SA

GMA Telebabad

Special PROJECT



2007 Coty all revved up

(The following speech was delivered by 2007 Coty President
Ira V. Panganiban during the awards night at the Rockwell
Tent Nov. 15)



CAGI President Ira
Panganiban delivers
the President's
Report

CHANGE, ONE OF the few things that remain constant in this world. And change is a part of every organization that seeks to improve on itself and try to be better at what it aims to achieve.

This year, the Car Awards Group Inc or CAGI Board decided there must be changes in how we do things, for our aspirations to be more relevant to those we choose to serve. And as our motto this year suggests, we are "All Revved Up" for these changes.

We have moved our program closer to the end of the contending year, to give it more relevance and benefit to the automobile manufacturers and their winning products.

We have re-categorized the awards in order to truly reflect the present market conditions and the vehicles we presently see in the showrooms.

We have re-designed our testing system to be more responsive to the performance of the vehicles we evaluate.

We have done all this in consultation and coordination with Confederation of Automobile Manufacturers of the Philippines or Campi and other auto manufacturers.

Of course, in the end, we at Cagi still bear the responsibility of our decisions and decide we did to move on-wards.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Petron Corp for being our title sponsor and relieving us of budgetary worries.

Of course there are also the important partners too that gave us as much help to make us achieve our ambitious projects.

This year, we conducted the testing at the sprawling estate of the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite.

We have also accredited Cagi with the National Press Club (NPC) and no less than President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo inducted our officers in Malacan Palace.

We have begun other projects like the Annual Motoring Factbook of the

Aspire. Aim. Achieve | www.audi.ph

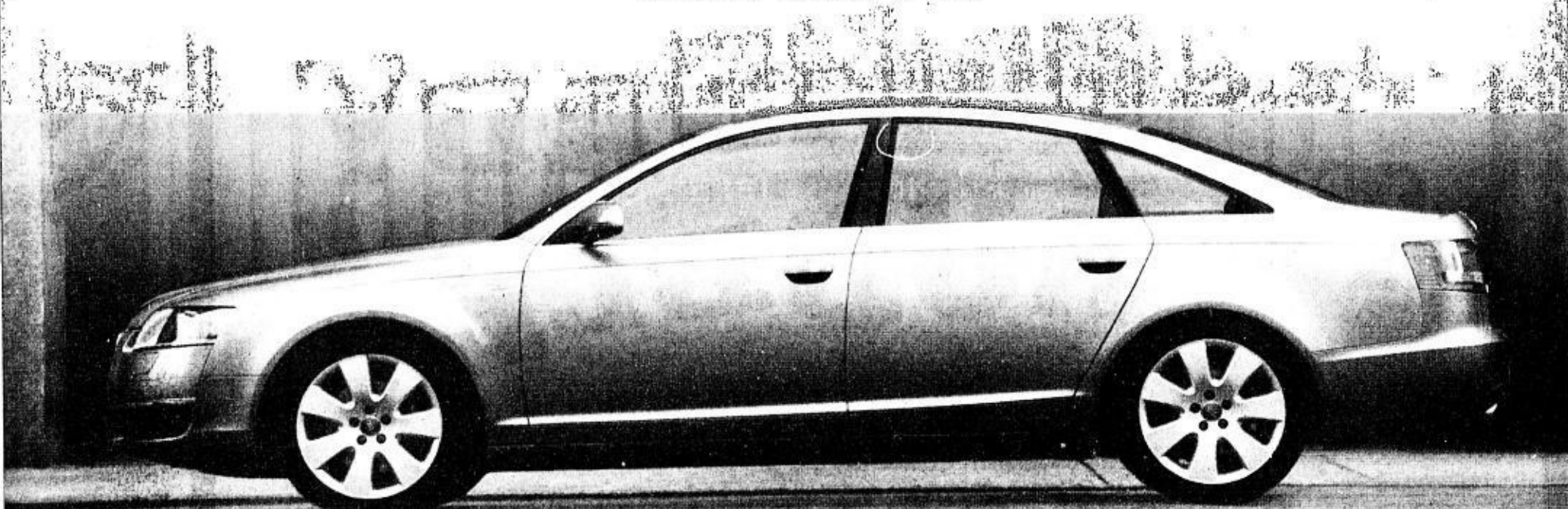


Beijing 2008 Official Premium Automobile

Germany crowns its number 1 car in the Executive Class.*

The Philippines honors its best in the Ultra Luxury Car Category.**

The Audi A6.



*Awarded by the Auto Motor und Sport, Germany's no. 1 automotive magazine, for 2007.

**Given by the Car Awards Group, Inc. (CAGI), composed of Philippines' motoring journalists, in the prestigious Car of the Year Awards (COTY) - 2007.

Audi Center Philippines, PGA Cars Audi Building, 201 EDSA Mandaluyong City. Call 7270145. Fax #: 7240943.

PGA Cars



Civic 2.0 S-L Interior



CIVIC
CATCH THE FEVER



Photo may vary from actual unit.

Visit any authorized dealers for details:

Metro Manila
Honda Cars Alabang
Tel. No.: (02) 807 7809
Honda Cars Kalookan, Inc.
Tel. No.: (02) 366 5701
Honda Cars Makati, Inc.
Tel. No.: (02) 852 4161
Honda Cars Pasig
Tel. No.: (02) 634 2730
Honda Cars Quezon City, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (02) 712 6650 to 61

Honda Cars Shaw
Tel. No.: (02) 717 1681
Honda Cars Manila
Tel. No.: (02) 562 4548
Honda Cars Fairview
Tel. Nos.: (02) 935 2655, 935 2617
Honda Cars Marikina
Tel. Nos.: (02) 942 6202, 988 0512
Honda Cars Global City
Tel. No.: (02) 777 8111

Provincial
Honda Cars Pangasinan, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (075) 522 1488 to 60
Honda Cars Laguna, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (049) 562 7713 to 14
Honda Cars Pampanga, Inc.
Tel. No.: (045) 983 5119
Honda Cars Cebu, Inc.
Tel. No.: (032) 231 3502
Honda Cars Negros Occidental
Tel. No.: (034) 707 8000
Honda Cars Davao, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (082) 221 7400, 222 2171

Honda Cars Mindanao
Honda Cars Cagayan De Oro
Tel. Nos.: (088) 858 4010 to 18
Honda Cars Tarlac, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (045) 982 8002 to 05
Honda Cars Isabela, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (078) 652 1245
Honda Cars Gen. Santos, Inc.
Tel. Nos.: (083) 553 9786 to 97
Honda Cars Iloilo
Tel. Nos.: (033) 558 6400, 558 6522





CAGI founding president Armin Amio, Ford Group Philippines VP for sales and marketing Vinay Piparsania, Cagi member Alvin Uy. Piparsania accepts the Coty Award for the Ford Everest 4x2 as the Executive SUV of the Year.



CAGI founding president Armin Amio, Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Froilan Dytianquin, Cagi member Alvin Uy. Dytianquin accepts the Coty Award for the Mitsubishi Endeavor as the Luxury SUV of the Year.



Iya Diza of Rockwell Land Corp., Chut Velasquez of Kia Motors, Cagi secretary Robby Consunji. Velasquez accepts the Coty Award for the Kia Carens CRDi as the Compact Van / Multipurpose Vehicle of the Year.

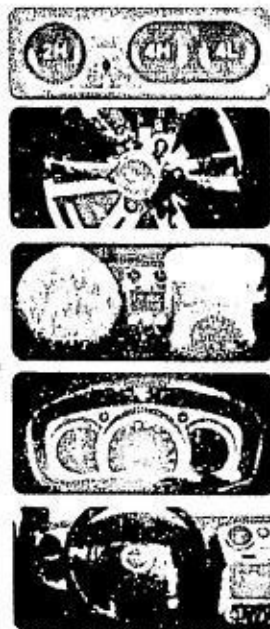


CAGI President Ira Panganiban, Viking Cars AVP Lyn Buena, Viking Cars president Albert Arcilla. Arcilla and Buena accept the Coty Award for the Volvo C30 as the Petron 2007 Car of the Year.

NOW READY TO RUBBLE!



THE GLOBAL
ISUZU
D-MAX
4x4
Conquer Everything.



Push-on-the-fly 4WD Selection
16" Black Chrome Finish Alloy Wheel
Dual Airbags
Electro-Luminescent Type Gauges
Power Steering



Photo may vary from actual unit.

METRO MANILA/ALABANG Tel: (02) 8071788 • COMMONWEALTH Tel: (02) 9522760
EDSA Tel: (02) 4104837 to 38 • MAKATI Tel: (02) 8179995 • MANILA Tel: (02) 5924501
to 15 • PASIG Tel: (02) 6713434 • QUEZON AVENUE Tel: (02) 9287111

LUZON/ BATANGAS Tel: (043) 7781227 • BULACAN Tel: (02) 2998508 • CABANATUAN
Tel: (044) 4838215 • CAVITE Tel: (02) 7505620 • ISABELA Tel: (078) 6522030 • PAMPANGA
Tel: (045) 9817800 • SAN PABLO Tel: (049) 5620908 • PANGASINAN Tel: (075) 5234825

VISAYAS/ CEBU Tel: (334) 4412650 • CAGAYAN DE ORO Tel: (08822) 729345
DAVAO Tel: (082) 2973344 • ILOILO Tel: (033) 8087877
MANILA/CEBU Tel: (032) 3463090

ISUZU
Your responsible partner
www.isuzuphil.com

Manufactured and distributed by: Isuzu Philippines Corporation Tel. No (049) 5410224 • Fax Nos 8420202, (049) 5410333



2007 Coty all revved up

From page 1

Philippines and other projects that we believe will contribute to the safety of our cars and motorists.

As I understand, the car industry in the Philippines has begun a dramatic upswing and all indications show it will be so for quite some time.

We at Cagi would like to thank all manufacturers, not only for their support of the Petron 2007 Car of the Year Awards-Philippines in cooperation with the automobile Association Philippines, but also for their role in the growth of the Philippine automobile industry and consequently the Philippine economy.

We assure you, our friends, of our help when you need them, anytime, anywhere.

I would like to personally thank my board and officers Ferman Lao - vice president for internal affairs, Andy Sevilla - vice president for external affairs, Atty Robby Consunji - corporate secretary, Jeff Reyes-treasurer and Dino Directo - public relations officer, for putting up with me and my brand of management.

New plans are afoot for next year. It may come as a surprise, but it will definitely be fun.

So, allow me to wish the nominees good luck and the winners congratulations.

'We at Cagi would like to thank all manufacturers, not only for their support of the Petron 2007 Car of the Year Awards-Philippines in cooperation with the automobile Association Philippines, but also for their role in the growth of the Philippine automobile industry and consequently the Philippine economy'



CAGI Secretary Robby Consunji, Iya Diza of Rockwell Land Corp, Ford Group Philippines AVP Tonnetae Lee, Ford Group Philippines president Vinay Piparsania. The latter accepts the Coty Award for the Ford Ranger 4x4 as the 4WD Pickup of the Year.



Manila International Auto Show President Joseph Ang, Lito German of BMW Philippines, CagI treasurer Jeff Reyes. German accepts the Coty Award for the BMW X5 as the Ultra Luxury Crossover / Wagon of the Year.



CAGI Board of Advisers member Aida Sevilla Mendoza, Cristina Reyes of Honda Cars Philippines, Automobile Association Philippines director Mandy Eduque. Reyes accepts the Coty Award for the Honda Civic 1.8 AT as the Compact Car of the Year.



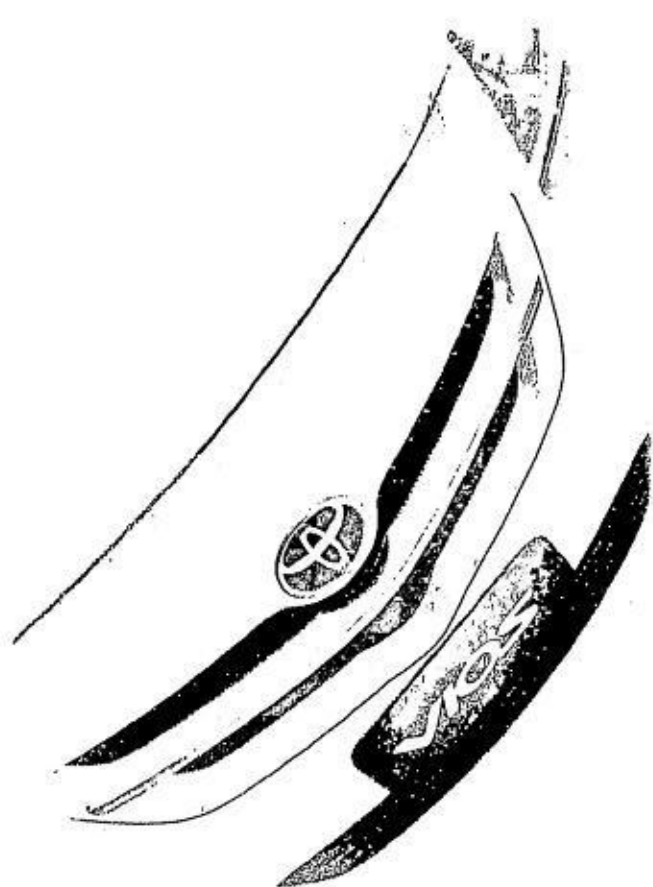
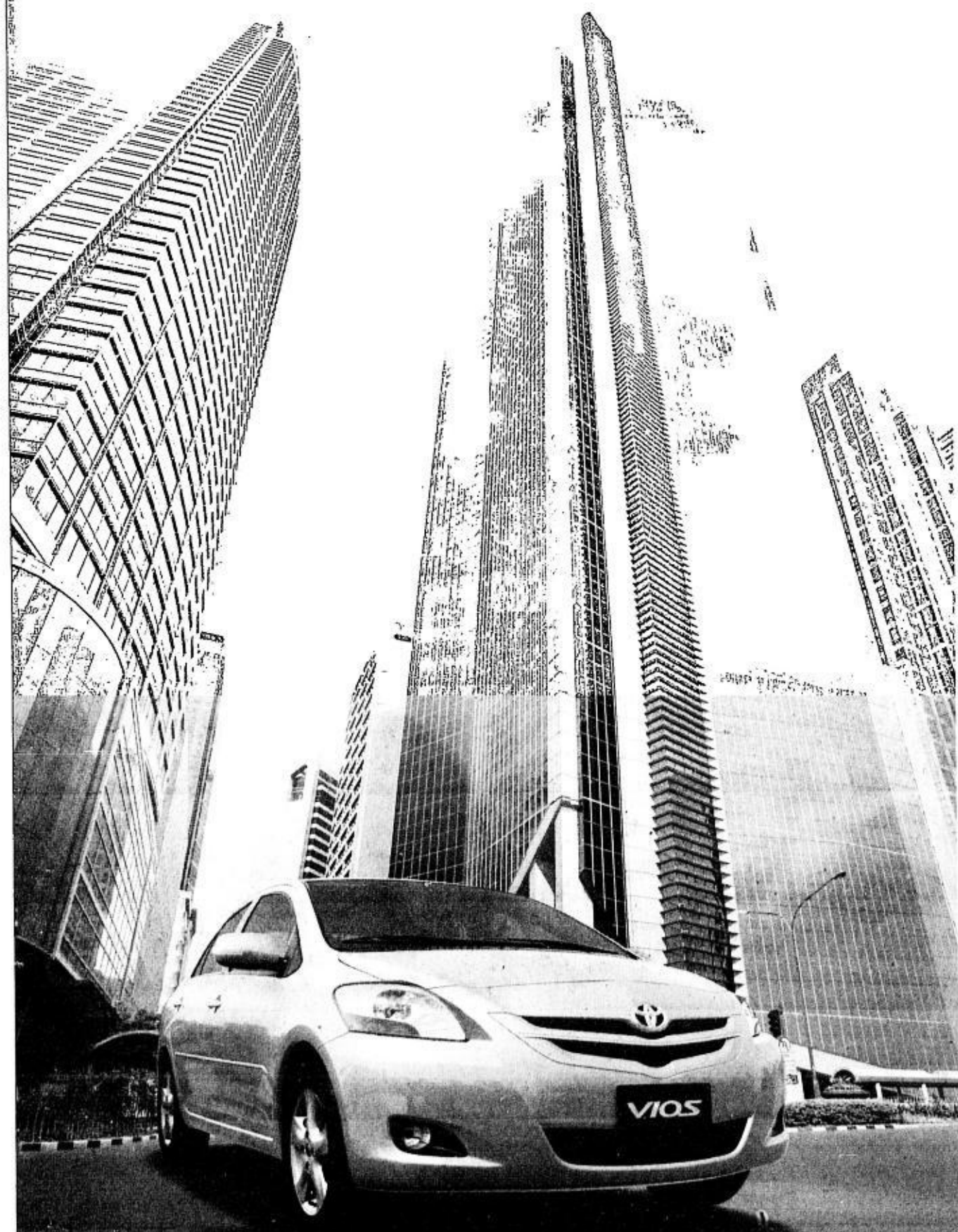
CAGI external VP Andy Sevilla, Hyundai Asia Resources Inc' EVP Ma. Fe Agudo, CagI treasurer Jeff Reyes. Agudo accepts the Coty Award for the Hyundai Starex as the Luxury Van/ Multipurpose Vehicle of the Year.



CAGI Board of Advisers member Aida Sevilla, Viking Cars AVP Lyn Buena, Automobile Association Philippines Director Mandy Eduque. Buena accepts the Coty Award for the Volvo S60 T5 as the Executive Car of the Year.

TOYOTA
moving forward ▶

TOYOTA
500
THOUSAND



Progressive Design

The New VIOS has an all new design you can see and feel. Fabulous form and function to match every beautiful moment.

Imagine a beautiful moment.
Our small planet is like a borderless gallery.
In it are a million art pieces, created by the world.
I am a part of it. I am alive.

ALL NEW
VIOS
My Design. My Pride.



TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES 858-8500
TOYOTA DEALER NETWORK: TOYOTA ALABANG, INC., 807-0707 TOYOTA BACOLOD CITY, (034) 444-1811 to 13 TOYOTA BAGUIO CITY, (074) 447-0851 / (074) 300-3273 to 74 / (074) 300-4128 / 3825 / (074) 443-6778 TOYOTA BALINTAWAK, INC., 366-8901 to 06 / 364-1547 to 50 / 364-4071 to 75 TOYOTA BALINTAWAK-NORTH, 927-7215 / 17 / 30 / 39 / 927-7242 / 44 / 48 / 52 / 927-7257 / 62 / 65 / 927-7269 / 69 TOYOTA BATANGAS CITY, INC., (043) 723-7386 / (043) 723-7639 TOYOTA BICUTAN PARANAQUE, 777-9500 TOYOTA CABANATUAN CITY, INC., (044) 463-8481 to 87 TOYOTA CAGAYAN DE ORO, INC., (08822) 735-770 / 791 / 846 / (088) 858-9994 / (088) 858-7770 / (08822) 737-480 TOYOTA CEBU CITY, INC., (032) 253-1161 TOYOTA CEBU-MANDAUE, (032) 345-5670 TOYOTA COMMONWEALTH, 952-1021 to 27 TOYOTA CUBAO, INC., 911-0651 to 63 TOYOTA DAGUPAN CITY, INC., (075) 517-2026 to 28 / (075) 522-6771 / 6734 / 4773 TOYOTA DASMARINAS CAVITE, (046) 850-2036 / (046) 850-2829 / (02) 529-8116 sales direct / (02) 529-8132 sales fax TOYOTA DAVAO CITY, INC., (082) 234-0998 / (082) 234-2994 / (082) 234-8640 TOYOTA ILOILO CITY, INC., (033) 320-6115 to 19 TOYOTA MAKATI, INC., 897-3333 TOYOTA MANILA BAY CORP., 832-3408 to 10 / 832-3432 to 34 / 832-3384 / 832-3437 TOYOTA MARIKINA SERVICE STATION, 682-9701 to 03 TOYOTA OTIS, INC., 564-1811 to 20 TOYOTA PASONG TAMO, INC., 893-8084 TOYOTA QUEZON AVENUE, INC., 712-5001 to 06 TOYOTA SAN FERNANDO, (045) 961-1188 TOYOTA SHAW, INC., 717-0707 to 08 TOYOTA SHAW-ORTIGAS, 671-9854 to 64 / 671-0460

www.toyota.com.ph

Special PROJECT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

4



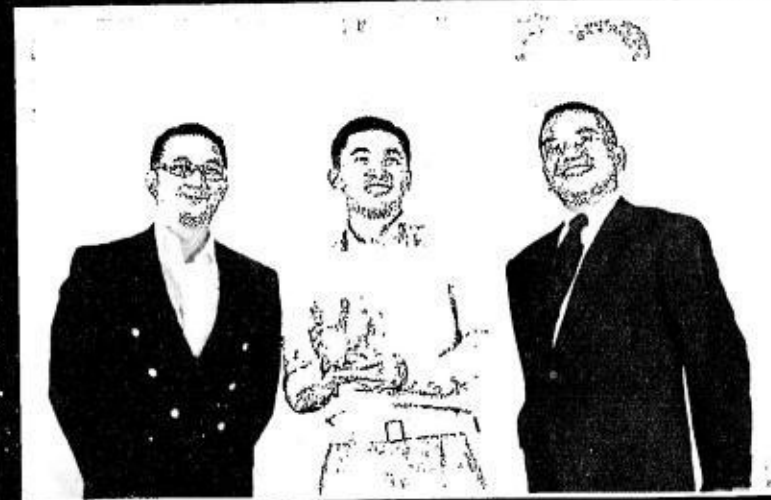
CAGI external VP Andy Sevilla, Elijah Sue Marcial of Toyota Motor Philippines, Cagi treasurer Jeff Reyes. Marcial accepts the Coty Award for the Toyota Camry as the Midsize Car of the Year.



CAGI Founding President Armin Amlo, General Motors Philippines president Francis Burdett, Cagi member Alvin Uy. Burdett accepts the Coty Award for the Chevrolet Suburban as the Ultra Luxury SUV of the Year.



SAMMY Liuson of Concept One, Lyn Buena of Volvo and lawyer Robby Consunji of Cagi



Sammy and Robby also hand out an award to marketing and public relations firm Ogilvy



ISUZU Philippines Corp's Ronald Baladad's turn with Sammy and Robby. IPC bagged the special awards Concept One Best Media Launch (Global D-Max) and Best for Business Vehicle (Crosswind Sportivo).



Kaycee Crisostomo of Bosch, Albert Arcilla, president of Volvo, and Botchi Santos of Topgear



Kaycee and Froilan Dytianquin of Mitsubishi



Ferman Lao, Cagi VP for Internal affairs, Felix Ang, and Dino Directo, Cagi information officer



Iya, Tonette, and Vinay are all smiles.

New Look More Charm

The New CHEVROLET OPTRA

More sophistication on the road. The new Optra comes with cutting-edge features that reveal a more aggressive look.

- Grille: Improved design, chrome
- Wheels: Chrome alloy wheels
- Interior: New interior design with leather-like upholstery
- 6-Disc in-dash CD/MP3 Player: State-of-the-art mobile entertainment



The fusion of versatility and style just got better in the new Chevrolet Optra. The more sophisticated package sports advance safety features like dual airbags, ABS, 4-wheel disc brakes and front foglamps. It delivers comfort and convenience through its grip type door handles, 60/40 fold rear seats with armrest and a superb sound system featuring 6-disc in-dash CD/MP3 player and steering wheel mounted audio controls. Test drive the new Chevrolet Optra now and make a statement on the road.

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

www.chevrolet.com.ph



Enjoy your choices on the new Chevrolet Optra Sedan & Wagon:

OPTRA Sedan 1.6 LS	MSRP
Manual	P759,000
Automatic	P799,000
OPTRA Wagon 1.6 LS	MSRP
Manual	P829,000
Automatic	P869,000



Test drive today at your nearest Chevrolet dealer: MAKATI 894-1976, 867-8183 to 87 • QUEZON AVENUE 374-1250 TO 59 • SHAW 535-4944, 533-6349, 533-8375, 533-1263 • PASIG 672-1612 to 14, 672-1486 • ALABANG 771-1206 to 09 • NORTH EDSA 374-9992 to 97, 374-9963 • MANILA 564-0129, CEBU (032) 234-0426 to 29 • PAMPANGA (045) 963-3333, (045) 860-2000 • DAVAO (082) 300-7777, (082) 235-3811 • DAGUPAN (075) 523-7777, (075) 523-1835, (075) 515-5577 • ILOILO (033) 3374540 • BACOLOD (034) 708-2489 • LAGUNA (632) 6992458, (046) 4301606

Avail of Chevrolet gift coupons/certificates worth P20,000 when you buy any model of the Chevrolet Optra Sedan/Wagon. Now thru Nov. 30, 2007.

See dealer for details. Offer valid only on new vehicle purchases. Excludes trade-ins, lease-outs, and fleet purchases. Limit one coupon per customer. Coupon cannot be cashed or redeemed for cash. Coupon is void where prohibited.



CAGI external VP Andy Sevilla, Elijah Sue Marcial of Toyota Motor Philippines, Cagi treasurer Jeff Reyes. Marcial accepts the Coty Award for the Toyota Camry as the Midsize Car of the Year.



CAGI Founding President Armin Amio, General Motors Philippines president Francis Burdett, Cagi member Amin Uy. Burdett accepts the Coty Award for the Chevrolet Suburban as the Ultra Luxury SUV of the Year.



SAMMY Llison of Concept One, Lyn Buena of Volvo and lawyer Robby Consunji of Cagi.



Sammy and Robby also hand out an award to marketing and public relations firm Ogilvy.



ISUZU Philippines Corp's Ronald Baladad's turn with Sammy and Robby. IPC bagged the special awards Concept One Best Media Launch (Global D-Max) and Best for Business Vehicle (Crosswind Sportivo).



Kaycee Crisostomo of Bosch, Albert Arcilla, president of Volvo, and Botchil Santos of Topgear.



Kaycee and Froilan Dytianquin of Mitsubishi.



Ferman Lao, Cagi VP for internal affairs, Felix Ang, and Dino Director, Cagi information officer.



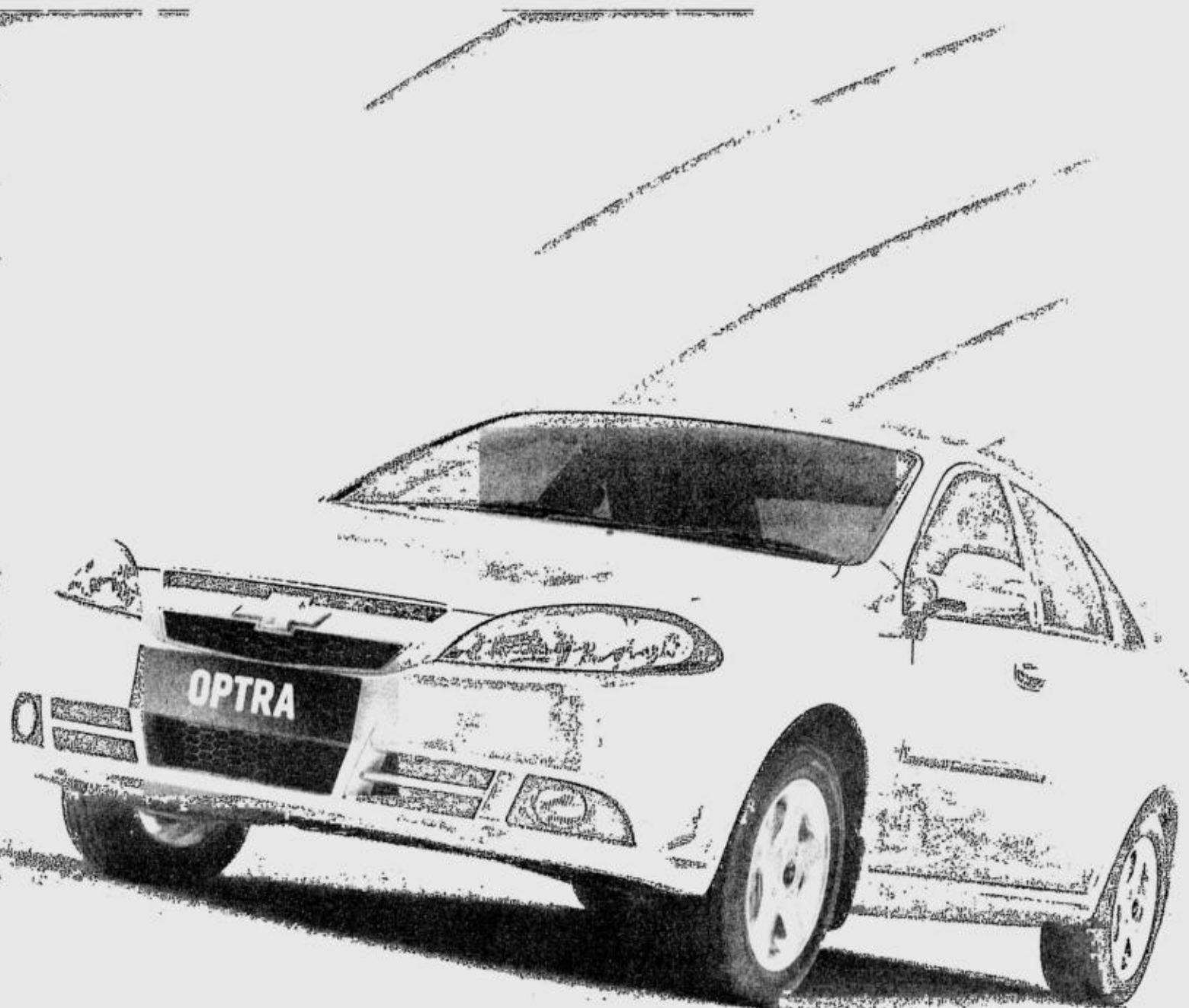
by Tonetta and Vinay are all smiles.

New look, More options

The New CHEVROLET OPTRA

More options for the Optra

- 1.8L 16V engine
- 4-wheel disc brakes
- ABS
- 6-disc in-dash CD/MP3 player
- Steering wheel mounted audio controls
- 60/40 fold rear seats with armrest
- Grip type door handles
- Dual airbags
- Front foglamps



The fusion of versatility and style just got better in the new Chevrolet Optra. The more sophisticated package sports advance safety features like dual airbags, ABS, 4-wheel disc brakes and front foglamps. It delivers comfort and convenience through its grip type door handles, 60/40 fold rear seats with armrest and a superb sound system featuring 6-disc in-dash CD/MP3 player and steering wheel mounted audio controls. Test drive the new Chevrolet Optra now and make a statement on the road.

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

www.chevrolet.com.ph



Enjoy your choices on the new Chevrolet Optra Sedan & Wagon.

OPTRA Sedan 1.6L		MSRP
Manual		P759,000
Automatic		P799,000
OPTRA Wagon 1.6L		MSRP
Manual		P829,000
Automatic		P869,000



Test drive today at your nearest Chevrolet dealer: MAKATI 894-1976, 867-8183 to 87 • QUEZON AVENUE 374-1250 TO 59 • SHAW 535-4944, 533-6349, 533-8375, 533-1263 • PASIG 672-1612 to 14, 672-1486 • ALABANG 771-1206 to 09 • NORTH EDSA 374-9992 to 97, 374-9963 • MANILA 564-0129 CEBU (032) 234-0426 to 29 • PAMPANGA (045) 963-3333, (045) 860-2000 • DAVAO (082) 300-7777, (082) 235-3811 • DAGUPAN (075) 523-7777, (075) 523-1835, (075) 515-5577 • ILOILO (033) 3374540 BACOLOD (034) 708-2489 • LAGUNA (632) 6992458, (046) 4301606



Volvo, Kia,
Subaru and
Ford dominate
category
awards



Volvo C30 is the Petron 2007 Car of the Year

By Aida Sevilla Mendoza

EVERY YEAR SINCE the Car Awards Group Inc (Cagi) institutionalized the Car of the Year (Coty) Philippines Awards, there have been surprise winners. This year is no exception: the Volvo C30, a luxury sports coupe entered in the Luxury Subcompact Category, won the Petron 2007 Car of the Year Award.

More surprises: After Volvo, which won three category awards aside from the big trophy, Kia garnered four category awards, followed by Subaru and Ford with three each and Honda with two. This outcome reflects an international scope for Coty Philippines since Sweden is Volvo's country of origin, South Korea is Kia's, Japan is Subaru's and Honda's while Ford's is the United States of America.

Top award

The car that bagged the coveted top award was launched in the Philippines only last month. The Volvo C30 2.4L, which has a P1,688,888 suggested retail price, impressed everyone at the Coty testfest at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite with the performance of its 2.4-liter, 5-cylinder DOHC engine, sporty handling, stylish, youthful design and state-of-the-art technology and safety features. (See feature article on the Volvo C30 on page I2).

The Volvo C30 was proclaimed at the 4th Coty Awards Night at the Rockwell Tent in Makati City from among 23 best-in-class winners. The Petron 2007 Car of the Year Philippines Award in cooperation with the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) was conducted by Cagi in partnership with Globe Telecom, Bridge-stone, Rockwell Land Corp, the Manila International Auto Show, San Miguel Corp, Standard Insurance Co, Bosch and the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Concept One, Speed Lab, Makati Skyline, Xenon, H&R, A-Toys Body Kits and Jollibee also sponsored the Petron 2007 Coty Awards program.

23 categories

The 11 categories of the 2006 Coty Awards were expanded to 23 after the 2007 Cagi executive board consulted the Chamber of Automotive Manufac-

VERSATILITY IS THE NAME OF THE GAME!

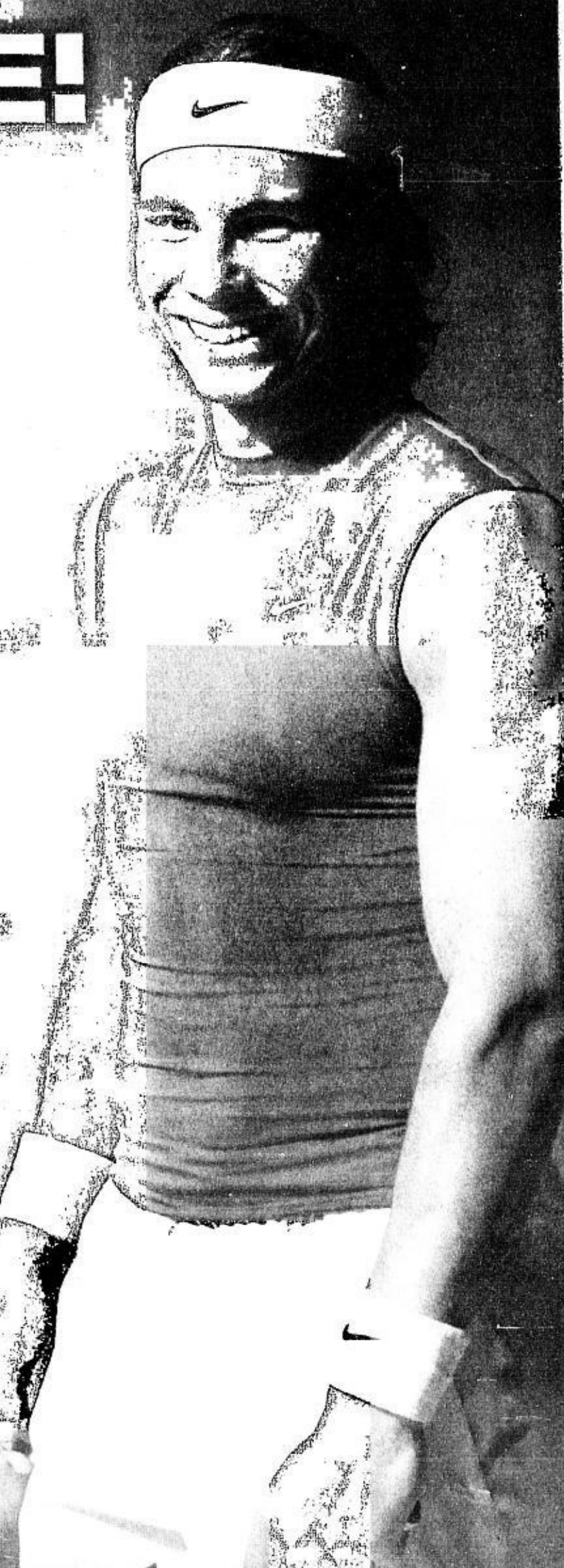


FOR EVERY TASK.
FOR EVERY JOB.
EVERY DAY.



THE NEW KIA
CARENS
WITH CRDi DIESEL ENGINE

Rafael Nadal
Three-time French Open champion



AWARDED
HIGHEST POSSIBLE RATING
★★★★★
five stars for all seating positions
in the latest front and side impact crash tests
by the U.S. Department of Transportation's
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

KIA AUTHORIZED DEALERS / SALES OUTLETS.

METRO MANILA GREENHILLS Tel. 744-4258-PASIG Tel. 645-3855 loc. 23-ESGUERRA Tel. 411-1253-PASAY Tel. 852-1552 to 58-QUIRINO AVENUE Tel. 564-7872-SHAW Tel. 534-4806-NOVALICHES Tel. 453-6862-MARIKINA Tel. 682-8590 to 81-ANTIPOLLO Tel. 695-1457-BINONDO Tel. 256-2037-38-LIBIS Tel. 706-0685-CUBAO Tel. 421-1719-MANDALUYONG Tel. 531-4631 to 36-NEW MANILA Tel. 722-0932 to 34-MANILABAY Tel. 556-1494-65-QUEZON AVE. Tel. 743-6593-MAKATI Tel. 815-1178-TAYTAY Tel. 669-1723-SUCAT Tel. 820-1542-LUZON BATANGAS Tel. (043)7778-4214 to 16-STA. ROSA Tel. (049)544-0387-DASMARINAS Tels. (046)416-1242-BULACAN Tel. (044)692-0273-PAMPANGA Tel. (045)981-1485 to 86-PANGASINAN Tel. (075)517-3988-PALAWAN Tel. (084)433-4963-CABANATUAN Tel. (044)600-5232-LEGASPI Tel. (052)481-1533 VISAYAS ILOILO Tel. (033)338-1676-BACOLOD Tel. (034)434-6079-CEBU CITY Tel. (032)233-1386-MANILA CITY Tel. (032)344-3815-BOHOL Tel. (038)501-0119-DUMAGUETE Tel. (035)419-8388-ORMOC Tel. (053)561-6441-TACLOBAN Tel. (053)523-3413-SAN CARLOS CITY Tels. (034)728-4536 MINDANAO BUTUAN Tel. (085)815-2689-OZAMIZ Tel. (0928)2337431-ZAMBOANGA Tel. (062)983-0769-ILIGAN Tels. (063)221-0574-CAGAYAN DE ORO Tel. (088)856-3557-DAVAO Tel. (082)234-0057 to 58-GENERAL SANTOS CITY Tels. (083)302-8888-DIPOLOG Tels. (0918)8087000



Special PROJECT

2



The surprise 'pocket rocket' entry in the fashionable premium hatch market is also Volvo's most affordable vehicle at just nearly P1.7 million

Dad's car no more

(This story, authored by Coty member Tessa R. Salazar, appeared in the Inquirer's Motoring section Oct. 17)

SOMETIMES, THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE come in tiny packages, and that less is actually more. Ask Volvo now about its surprise "pocket rocket" entry in the fashionable premium hatch market, and you will get a teensy but pretty sports coup loaded with luxurious amenities.

It's the C30 sports coup, and at a base price of just nearly P1.7 million, it's the least expensive of the Volvo car lineup.

Most fashionable

It's also the most fashionable among the Volvo lineup. One of the designers-Englishman Steve Mattin-once said: "It may be the smallest Volvo but it has the broadest shoulders and the most expressive style. In fact, those rear shoulders are so big that they stretch the limits of what's capable with metal stamping. We could not have gone any bigger."

It may be 22 cm shorter than the erstwhile entry level S40, but its styling may have gone back a long way. Old timers remember the iconic Volvo P1800 ES hatch Roger Moore drove in the old "The Saint" TV series whenever they see the C30, particularly the rear.

The front looks a modern Volvo though-like the S40 or the V50 wagon, but the rear is head-turning. Its all-glass hatch lid has a "plunging" back line. Its taillights are particularly transfixing at night.

C-30 Special Edition

This writer was given the opportunity to

drive overnight the C30 Special Edition with a 2.4-liter, 5-cylinder double overhead cam and 17-inch Zaurak wheels. The run started from the rush-hour traffic of Makati and through confusing SLEX widening works, up to the winding, narrow country roads of Tagaytay, and then back.

Does this 2.4-liter ride like the chilly mid-night winds of Tagaytay? Well, no. It still felt like a loaded, heavy European car, especially during stop-and-go traffic. The doors for this "strong body" feel heavy despite the car's compact look.

'Third eye'

But the C30 has a "magic" trick up its sleeve. It gives you a "third eye" in your drive. The Blind Spot Information System (a feature standard in this special edition unit), or BLIS, puts rear-facing cameras in the door mirrors that detect vehicles moving in to the driver's blind spot and alert him or her of their presence.

BLIS indicators are installed on the right and left front doors, aligned to where the side-view mirrors are so the driver could easily see the orange indicator lights go on. When orange lights are on, it means vehicles at either the left or right side are approaching. It is a fascinating-and useful-safety addition from a car manufacturer long known for putting vehicle safety at a premium. It certainly aided this writer several times in alerting her of motorcyclists "sneaking" up beside her.

A word of caution, though: Nothing still



The P1800 ES rear as it looked 35 years ago, top, and given an ultra-modern touch in the new C30, above.

beats actually looking to your left or right to check for the presence of vehicles before you pass or change lanes.

Besides the other safety standards such as ABS, emergency

brake assistance and dynamic stability and traction control you'd expect from a Volvo vehicle, not to mention intelligent airbags with two stages, the C30 also comes equipped with a safety cage and in-

flatable curtains to help protect occupants' heads.

Power features

Adding to the "loadedness" of the

DAD'S/4



Runner-up
Mini Van Category



Suzuki APV. Looks great. Fits 8.

Suzuki APV is the seamless integration of both function and fashion. Its chic and compact design can sit up to 8 people, comfortably. Now the whole family can cruise through the city in style.

Suzuki APV. Designed for the trendy family.



Family Wagon **APV** Mobile living

METRO MANILA: SUZUKI AUTO COMMONWEALTH Prince Motor Corporation 951-2201 to 10 / 453-9316 to 20 • SUZUKI AUTO EDSA Pilino Sales Corporation 634-3451 to 57 / 834-0031 / 834-0032 / 834-0034 • SUZUKI AUTO KALOOKAN Matrix Motor Corporation 364-9093 / 365-6098 / 365-3011 / 365-7796 • SUZUKI AUTO MANILA BAY Wheels Inc. 556-1486 / 556-1487 • SUZUKI AUTO MAKATI Heidelberg Motor Corporation 616-4087 / 610-1736 / 610-1737 SUZUKI AUTO QUEZON AVE. Sunny Motors Group, Inc. 374-3811 / 411-2720 • SUZUKI AUTO SHAW The Shaw Motor Plaza Corporation 718-1834 to 35

PROVINCIAL: SUZUKI AUTO BACOLOD Automall Motor Sales (034) 435-0268 • SUZUKI AUTO CABANATUAN Prince Motor Corporation (044) 463-5248 / 463-0089 • SUZUKI AUTO CEBU Cebu Autocentris Corporation (032) 345-8893 / 346-0024 • SUZUKI AUTO DAUPAN Amlanan Motors (075) 517-1717 / 8888 / 9999 • SUZUKI AUTO DAVAO Motormall Davao Corporation (082) 233-1140 / 234-0390 / 234-0648 • SUZUKI AUTO ILOILO Iloilo Car Corporation (033) 320-7020 • SUZUKI AUTO LAGUNA Araza Motor Sales (02) 520-6726 / (049) 411-1070 / 411-1060 SUZUKI AUTO LEGASPI Lism Motors (064) 472-3677 / (02) 260-8034 • SUZUKI AUTO PAMPANGA Family Cars, Inc. (045) 860-6971 / 961-3573 / 961-7746 • SUZUKI AUTO ZAMBOANGA Arcof Marketing, Inc. (062) 991-1492 / 993-1213

Please visit Suzuki Website: www.suzuki.com.ph

Volvo C30 is the Petron 2007 Car of the Year

From page 1

turers of the Philippines, Inc (Campi) on how Coty could best reflect changing market conditions and the development of the automotive industry. The Coty Special Awards were increased from four to 19.

Coty choices were based on the results of intensive quantitative and qualitative tests that were conducted over six weekends in September and October by a control group of professional rally drivers using the latest test instruments (in the quantitative tests) and by Cagi members and two AAP directors (in the qualitative tests) at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite. The score sheets of the tests were collated by the Cagi technical committee headed by Ferman Lao and the computations, in turn, were audited by Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. (SGV) to get the final results. The list of winners was not released nor announced until the Coty Awards Night which this year took place at the Rockwell Tent in Makati Nov. 15.

Consumer-oriented testing

Cagi is an independent, non-profit, non-stock organization of 30 motoring journalists representing more a dozen media outfits. Cagi was organized to conduct a consumer-oriented evaluation of production cars available on the market every year. Aside from providing consumers unbiased and well-researched information on motor vehicles in the market, the Coty Awards program gives recognition to the efforts made by car manufacturers to improve their products and thereby grow the Philippine automotive industry. Since its founding in 2004, Cagi has not sought nor accepted financial support or sponsorships from car manufacturers and does not charge an entrance fee for cars to participate in Coty. This year, the Cagi executive board invited Petron Corp to be the Coty title sponsor with AAP, the national auto club, as the exclusive technical partner of Coty 2007.

The 2007 Cagi executive board is headed by Ira Panganiban, station manager of RMN Manila DZXL 558, as president; Andy Sevilla, motoring columnist of Business Mirror, as vice president for external affairs; Ferman Lao, technical editor of Top Gear Magazine, as vice president for internal affairs; Robby Consunji, off-road editor of Top Gear, as secretary and Jeff Reyes, advertising executive of The Philippine Star, as treasurer. Armin Amio, founding president of Cagi and editor-in-chief of Gadgets Magazine, heads the board of advisers with past Cagi presidents Manny de los Reyes, editor-in-chief of Speed Magazine and Aida Sevilla Mendoza, motoring columnist of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, as members.

Introducing the all-new Mitsubishi

FUZION

SPORT WAGON



SUV ruggedness. Spaciousness of a van. Passenger car riding comfort.



FUZION GLX

FUZION GLS Sport

GLS Sport features:



• Roomier Interior • Beige Leather Seats
• 2nd Row Center Armrest with Cupholders
• 3rd Row Seats with Fold and Tumble Function (Dealer Option)



• Maroon/Beige Two-Tone with Woodgrain Instrument Panel
• Leather-Wrapped Steering Wheel
• Leather-Wrapped with Wood Accent Gear Shift Lever



• 7" LCD Monitor
• 1-DIN DVD / CD / MP3 / WMA / WAV / Tuner / iPod-Ready (Dealer Option)



Dual SRS Front Airbags



• High Intensity Discharge (HID) Headlamps with Leveler Switch



• Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)



• 4G64 2.4-Liter SOHC 16-Valve Gasoline Multi-Point Injection which produces 138 PS @ 6,250 rpm & 20.7 Kg-m @ 4,000 rpm

Standard GLS Sport Features: Front Row Seats with Full-Flat Function • Blue Backlit Combination Meter • Auto-Climat Control Airconditioning • 8-Way Power Adjustable Driver's Seat • 16" x 6.0" JJ 5-Spoke Alloy Wheels fitted on 225/60 R16 98H Tires • Rear Spoiler with Integrated Light Emitting Diode (LED)-Type 3rd Brake Lamp • Foglamps • Fender Flares • Chrome Door Handles

See your nearest Mitsubishi dealer and test-drive it today!

* Color may vary from actual unit. * Photos show the Fuzion GLS Sport.

METRO MANILA DEALERS: CITIMOTORS, INC. - Makati (Main) Tel. Nos. 892-0331 to 39 / 817-0495 CITIMOTORS, INC. - Alabang Tel. No. 494-2601 CITIMOTORS, INC. - Las Pinas Tel. Nos. 875-1745 / 873-6503 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Ortigas (Main) Tel. Nos. 727-0351 to 75 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Valle Verde Tel. Nos. 671-9590 to 94 DIAMOND MARCOS HIGHWAY, INC. Tel. Nos. 645-4801 to 05 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Quezon Avenue Tel. Nos. 372-3901 to 15 DIAMOND SERVICE SATELLITE CORP. (DSSC) Tel. Nos. 418-2945 / 935-3731 / 935-3733 DGT HOLDINGS INC. - EDSA Balintawak Tel. Nos. 330-8901 to 05 PEAK MOTORS - Manila Bay Tel. Nos. 556-0415 / 556-0648 UNION MOTOR CORP. - Pasig (Main) Tel. Nos. 563-8481 to 85 / 563-8451 to 97 UNION MOTOR CORP. - Kalookan Tel. Nos. 364-20-61 to 69 LUZON DEALERS: AMCAR AUTOMOTIVE CORP. Tel. Nos. (02) 420-8057 to 58 CALEB MOTOR CORP. Tel. Nos. (02) 260-8057 / (054) 811-8119 CARWORLD, INC. - San Fernando, Pampanga (Main) Tel. Nos. (045) 963-1111 / 961-1508 / 963-2801 / 963-7772 / 961-1508 CARWORLD, INC. - Malolos Tel. Nos. (044) 711-2895 to 97 / 933-0027 CARWORLD, INC. - Marikina Tel. Nos. (044) 791-2405 / 791-2406 / 662-3885 / 791-1995 CARWORLD, INC. - Olongapo Tel. Nos. (047) 222-3743 / 224-4307 CARWORLD, INC. - Tarlac City, Tarlac Tel. Nos. (045) 982-5551 to 53 / 982-4640 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF BACOLOD CORP. Tel. Nos. (044) 673-4083 to 85 / 766-4235 / 299-8247 to 48 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF CABANATUAN CORP. (Main) Tel. Nos. (044) 483-1391 / 483-8390 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF CABANATUAN CORP. - Isabela Tel. Nos. (078) 882-8401 JABEZ MOTOR CORP. Tel. Nos. (02) 529-8105 / (046) 418-5968 / 850-0119 / 416-5960 / 850-1681 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - Calasiao (Main) Tel. Nos. (075) 517-3080 / 517-5635 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - Baguio Tel. Nos. (074) 300-3571 / 446-0157 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - La Union Tel. Nos. (072) 700-3834 / 700-3835 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - Urdaneta Tel. Nos. (075) 568-2502 / 568-3312 SFM SALES CORP. - San Pablo (Main) Tel. Nos. (049) 562-0690 to 91 / 562-6569 SFM SALES CORP. - Lipa Tel. Nos. (043) 756-1018 VISAYAS DEALERS: AVESCOR MOTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (033) 337-4455 / 337-8486 to 87 AVESCOR MOTORS OF BACOLOD CORP. Tel. Nos. (034) 435-2111 to 14 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Cebu (Main) Tel. Nos. (032) 345-2131 to 33 / 420-6777 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Cebu South Tel. Nos. (032) 261-8385 / 261-7355 / 261-7126 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Dumaguete Tel. Nos. (035) 225-1427 to 29 / 225-6925 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Tacloban Tel. Nos. (053) 323-2379 to 80 / 323-2520 / 323-3724 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Tagbilaran Tel. Nos. (038) 411-5814 to 15 / 411-2681 MINDANAO DEALERS: FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Butuan Tel. Nos. (085) 816-3089 FAST AUTOWORLD PHILS. CORP. - Cagayan de Oro Tel. Nos. (088) 855-1546 KARASIA, INC. - Bajada (Main) Tel. Nos. (082) 222-1111 to 16 KARASIA, INC. - Tagum Tel. Nos. (084) 217-3582 MINDANAO INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. Nos. (083) 552-7661 to 62 / 552-4781 / 302-0586 ZAMBOANGA MOTORS INC. Tel. Nos. (062) 991-2199 / 991-2138 / 991-2250 / 993-0786



Drive Inspired

www.mitsubishi-motors.com.ph

Special PROJECT



Petron launches new XCS Complete Combustion System

CLEANER BURN, UNRELENTING power. These are what motorists can expect from the new Petron XCS Complete Combustion System, the first gasoline powered by premium organic combustion enhancers.

The Complete Combustion System in the new Petron XCS is a breakthrough additive technology that works on the vehicle's entire fuel system to produce significantly improved performance in power, fuel economy, and exhaust emissions.

Made from natural materials, the organic combustion enhancer is a special additive that creates a catalytic reaction to produce a more complete burn.

Petron pioneered in cleaning additives when it introduced the XCS with the Xtra Cleaning formulation in

1996-the first such formulation in the Philippines. In 2000, with the shift to unleaded gasoline and fuel-injection systems, Petron XCS Plus was again the first to introduce Valvemaster, a recession and engine-protection additive. And this year, Petron sets a new standard in fuel with the breakthrough gasoline, the new Petron

XCS Complete Combustion System.

As the industry leader in gasoline cleaning additives, Petron has long known that deposits in the fuel system tend to disrupt fuel flow resulting in power loss. But while other local players are only now introducing their own versions of "cleaning" gasoline, the new Petron XCS Complete Combustion System uses one of the most advanced ad-

ditive formulations not only in the Philippines but worldwide.

The patented organic additive in the new Petron XCS has superior detergent qualities, which remove the deposits accumulated in the fuel system and prevents new deposits from forming, thus unleashing the maximum power of the engine.

Moreover, unlike other fuel blends, the new Petron XCS Complete Combustion System cleans not just the engine but the entire fuel system, from the tank to the fuel pump to the fuel hose, to the engine up to the tailpipe of your car. Developed with Innospec, a global leader in fuel additives technology, the formulation of the new Petron XCS is the first of its kind worldwide-after lengthy research and certification from internationally

renowned laboratories.

Motorists will also be delighted with the instant improvements they can experience from the new Petron XCS Complete Combustion System, which begins to work as soon as you gas up, with a one-tank clean-up guaranteed. Continuous use of the new Petron XCS will benefit both new and old vehicle owners. It prevents deposits from forming in the fuel system of new cars for optimum engine performance. In older vehicles, it removes existing deposits in the fuel system for smoother response, better power generation, and improved fuel efficiency.

Truly unparalleled, the new Petron XCS Complete Combustion System is an environment-friendly 95-octane premium gasoline specially developed for Philippine driving conditions.



Petron president Khalid Al-Faddagh announces the introduction of the new Petron XCS Complete Combustion System.

Breaking the boundaries of warranties



5* YEARS WARRANTY
*STANDARD FOR NEW CAR OWNERS

We dare you to go further than ordinary 3-year warranties. Get more years of trouble-free motoring. Stay confident and protected with Hyundai's own 5 years warranty.

ADVANTAGES

- Customer peace of mind
- No unexpected out-of-pocket expense
- Better trade-in value
- Nationwide coverage
- Better resale value
- Full transferability to subsequent owners
- Reduced cost of ownership

A first from Hyundai and proof of our confidence in the quality of our cars.



HYUNDAI

HYUNDAI AUTHORIZED DEALERS

METRO MANILA

- Hyundai J. Abad Santos - 256-9837, 256-2088, 253-1373, 250-0511
- Hyundai Alabang - 800 1771, 800-7344, 802-3574, 802-3853
- Hyundai Balintawak - 382-0101
- Hyundai Commonwealth - 051-2201 to 10, 952-8891 to 92
- Hyundai EDSA - 882-2434, 751-0111, 751-0027 to 28
- Hyundai E. Rodriguez St. - 415-4115, 410-3833, 410-5707, 722-0932
- Hyundai Global City - 818-0868, 856-2851 to 55
- Hyundai Manila Bay - 018-5071 to 73, 556-1491 to 93, 556-1578
- Hyundai Ortigas - 723-8101 to 07, 721-2544
- Hyundai Otis - 501-2740, 504-8128, 504-8035, 504-5058
- Hyundai Pasig City - 872-3801 to 04

- Hyundai Quezon Avenue - 411-2720, 374-3911
- Hyundai Shaw Blvd. - 722-8530, 723-5388, 725-2428
- Hyundai Sucat - 829-8090, 829-8292 to 93
- Hyundai Marcos Hi-way - 888-1850, 840-7773 (SOON TO OPEN)

LUZON

- Hyundai Lipa - (043) 767-0340, (043) 312-3908, (043) 750-6003
- Hyundai Cabanatuan - (044) 483-7278, (044) 800-1857, (044) 483-0080
- Hyundai Dagupan - (075) 522-8888
- Hyundai Desmarinas - 849-850-2558, 849-850-1883, 849-850-3442
- Hyundai Bilihan - (048) 411-5850, (048) 411-0540, (048) 411-0197
- Hyundai Laung - (077) 781-8881, (077) 781-8888
- Hyundai La Union - (072) 712-8888, (072) 712-8880

- Hyundai Naga City - (054) 811-8144, (054) 811-8118
- Hyundai Pampanga - (045) 981-1164, (045) 881-2073
- Hyundai San Pablo - (049) 800-0413

VISAYAS

- Hyundai Bacolod - (034) 433-3510, (034) 435-0288
- Hyundai Cebu - (032) 340-2724
- Hyundai 345-0324 to 28, (032) 343-7103, (032) 345-4145
- Hyundai Iloilo - (033) 320-8043, (033) 320-7722

MINDANAO

- Hyundai Cagayan de Oro - (088) 855-4405 to 07
- Hyundai General Santos - (063) 301-0000, (063) 302-7228
- Southern Mindanao - (082) 305-0000, (082) 235-2855



EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF HYUNDAI
HYUNDAI ASIA RESOURCES, INC.

Dad's car no more

From page 2

C30 are a bevy of power features: power front seats for entry and exit of rear passengers; front seats with memory for three separate settings; power sunroof, cruise controls, bluetooth hands-free system, rain sensor, park assist (rear sensors) and bi-xenon headlights.

And when you get to feel the interior - the ceiling, seats, side door panels and the dashboard-you know Volvo did not scrimp on materials. The fabrics are not cheap. Volvo boasts that its upholstery and textiles comply with the international Oeko Tex Standard 100, ensuring the materials used have been tested against certain allergies and harmful substances. Interior metal details such as the key, door handles and safety belt buckles comply with the safety standards for nickel leaks as high-quality jewelry (according to the spec sheet).

Its two full-sized rear seats have a folding armrest to enhance, as the designer put it, "the lounge effect."

Firm ride

The ride is firm but not stiff. Though the C30 was designed to carry just four adults, this writer tried to squeeze in four small-to medium-sized companions during the trip. Well, what could she say? They actually fit (That's the Pinoy "jeepney" mentality for you, making use of every available space). But this was just a short trip. Long drives in such cramped quarters are not recommended.

For good measure, this C30 was tested on unpaved roads as well-on the narrow country trail in Silang, Cavite, leading to the Ilog Maria Honey Bee farm. The C30's heaviness in these conditions was reassuring.

Young urbanites with active lifestyles will almost surely consider the C30 among their options. And with optional additions-like load carriers, roof boxes, surfboard or bicycle racks, and an i-Pod adaptable audio system-to complete the look, sound and feel, there's really no rush to reach the destination that quickly. Sure and safe can be a bit of fun, too.



What is Coty?

THE CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS IS an annual event done in countries like Australia, China, France, Japan, Italy, Germany and North America. The Philippine version is the Car Awards Group's Car of the Year awards.

Journalists representing 26 media outfits have banded together to put up Car of the Year Philippines. This group of journalists, collectively known as the Car Awards Group Inc (non-stock, non-profit), endeavors to institutionalize the Car of the Year Philippines project in an effort to serve as the beacon and public advocate in this very dynamic industry.

Cagi holds Coty in partnership with the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP), the country's national car club.

Objectives:

- Improve the skills of motoring journalists in the Philippines by providing a venue to test automobiles using quantitative and qualitative standards.
- Set new benchmarks for the domestic automotive industry in terms of design, innovation, safety and handling.
- Increase camaraderie among Philippine motoring journalists.

Vision

To be a cumulative voice in setting new standards for the automotive industry.

Winners' gallery

The real stars of the show, of course, are the cars themselves. And this year, the stars represent a truly international cast.



2007 Petron Car of the Year and Luxury Subcompact of the Year: Volvo C30



Basic Subcompact of the Year: Kia Picanto 1.1 DLX

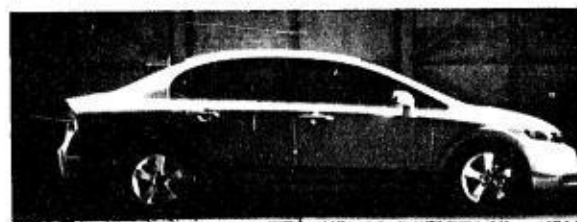


Midsize Car of the Year: Toyota Camry

Luxury Car of the Year: Volvo S80 2.5L



Executive Subcompact of the Year: Kia Rio 1.4 sedan



Compact Car of the Year: Honda Civic 1.8 AT



Sports Car of the Year: Subaru Impreza 2.5 WRX



Executive Car of the Year: Volvo S60 T5



Ultra Luxury Car of the Year: Audi A6

AWARDED BEST IN INTERIOR DESIGN
2007 Car of the Year Awards

WELCOME TO THE LAP OF LUXURY

REGIONAL BEST IN JAPAN

GET ON BOARD WITH LUXURY AT 0% INTEREST, 24 MONTHS TO PAY.

LUXURY isn't just fine leather and wood. It's also cossetting comfort from an expansive cabin nestled atop an ultra-smooth suspension system and propelled by a silken, potent powerplant. And topped by uncompromising build quality for totally stress-free ownership. Have it all with the new Teana.

INTELLIGENT KEY • REAR CAMERA • MULTI-AWARDED VQ ENGINE • DYNAMIC & PASSIVE SAFETY • XENON HEADLAMPS

Actual unit may vary from image. Interior shot is of the Teana 250 JX.

Promo Period: Oct. 15 to Dec. 31, 2007 • Per DTI-Region IV-A Permit No. 10-123, Series of 2007.

TEANA

SHIFT...the future

NISSAN GALLERY ORTIGAS
Tel: 635-5888, 439-4537
NISSAN GALLERY QUEZON AVE.
Tel: 731-5308, Fax: 740-3066
MANTRADE DEVELOPMENT CORP.
Tel: 843-3316 to 23

NISSAN WESTGATE ALABANG
Tel: 772-1827 to 30, 775-0239
NISSAN SHAW CENTER
Tel: 722-7876/7575, 726-2550/6487
NISSAN NORTH EDSA (Balintawak)
Tel: 330-5331 loc. 233/245/265, 361-9995, 455-8980

NISSAN U.N. AVENUE, MANILA
Tel: 400-1020/2177, 522-4553, 404-2439
NISSAN MANILA, INC.
Tel: 252-3568, 251-9060 to 63
NISSAN SOUTHWOODS
Tel: (046) 430-1883; (049) 241-3040; (02) 699-2400

ROYCE MOTORS SANTIAGO
Tel: (078) 682-8701/6707
ROYCE MOTORS CABANATUAN
Tel: (044) 463-3358, 600-2112
ROYCE MOTORS PAMPANGA
Tel: (045) 961-7773/7774

NISSAN BACOLOD
Tel: (034) 434-8051 to 52; (034) 435-1102
NISSAN CEBU DISTRIBUTORS, INC.
Tel: (032) 346-0350, 346-8422
NISSAN ILOILO (S & J Motors)
Tel: (033) 320-4051 to 53

NISSAN GALLERY CAGAYAN DE ORO
Tel: (083) 855-8881
DAVAO UNICAR CORP.
Tel: (082) 221-1916 to 17



**FULLY
LOADED**

**40% DOWNPAYMENT
48 MONTHS 0% INTEREST
FREE 1 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE
FREE 3-YEAR LTO REGISTRATION**

Experience the fully loaded Volvo XC70 2.5L AWD with a 210 bhp turbocharged engine, Five-Speed Automatic Driver-Adaptive with Geartronic™ Transmission, Active Bi-Xenon Headlamps, 16" Alloy Wheels wrapped in 215/65 tires, and Volvo's unprecedented active safety systems.

From November 18 to December 25 2007, it comes with a fully loaded ownership financing package*. So you can start your fully loaded adventure right away.

Head on to your nearest showroom today.

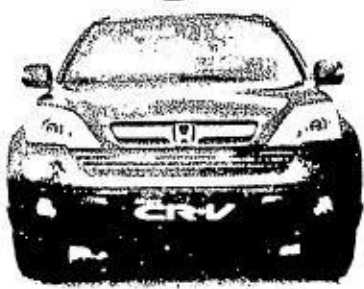
VOLVO MAKATI
2272 CHINO ROCES AVENUE (FORMERLY
PASONG TAMO EXT.), MAKATI CITY
817-1984, 813-8962 and 757-1619
makatisales@volvophilippines.com

VOLVO CEBU
A.S. FORTUNA ST., BANILAD
MANDAUE CITY 6014 CEBU
(032) 346-3322
safes@pasajero.net

Volvo. for life



Winners' gallery



2 WD Crossover / Wagon of the Year:
Honda CR-V 2.0 MT



4WD Crossover / Wagon of the Year:
Subaru Forester 2.5 XT



Ultra Luxury Crossover / Wagon of the Year:
BMW X5



Luxury Crossover / Wagon of the Year:
Subaru Outback 3.0 R



Compact Van / Multipurpose Vehicle of the Year:
Kia Carens CRDi



Executive Van / MPV of the Year: Kia Carnival
2.9 LX CRDi Short Wheelbase



Luxury Van / MPV of the Year: Hyundai
Starex



Ultra Luxury Van / MPV of the Year: Chrysler
Town & Country



2WD Pickup of the Year: Ford Ranger 4x2



4WD Pickup of the Year: Ford Ranger 4x4



Compact Sport Utility Vehicle of the Year:
Suzuki Grand Vitara



Executive SUV of the Year: Ford Everest 4x2



Luxury SUV of the Year: Mitsubishi Endeavor



Ultra Luxury SUV of the Year: Chevrolet
Suburban

Special Awards:

The members of CAGI voted the following for the 19 Special Awards:

AAP BEST ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN: TOYOTA MOTORS PHILIPPINES

STANDARD INSURANCE BEST SAFETY PACKAGE: VOLVO S80 T5

MOST PREFERRED SECURITY VEHICLE: CHEVROLET SUBURBAN



Rockwell Land Best Interior
Design: Nissan Teana



Speed Lab Tuner's Choice Award:
Honda Jazz

BEST TECHNICAL INNOVATION: AUDI TDI

GLOBE MEDIA DREAM CAR: SUBARU IMPREZA WRX

CONCEPT ONE SEXIEST CAR: VOLVO C30

BOSCH BEST IN-CAR ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM: MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER

STANDARD INSURANCE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY: HONDA JAZZ 1.3

BEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN: HYUNDAI

BEST MEDIA EVENT: TOYOTA ROAD TREK

CONCEPT ONE BEST MEDIA LAUNCH: ISUZU D-MAX METAL TO THE PEDAL

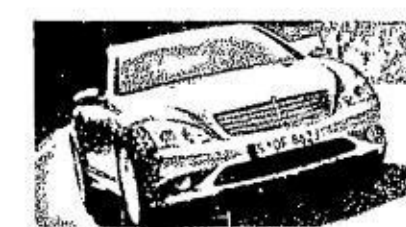
BRIDGESTONE BEST OFF-ROAD VEHICLE: FORD RANGER 4X4



Manila Jockey Club Best Exterior
Design: Audi Q7



Best for Business
Vehicle: Isuzu
Crosswind
Sportivo



Bridgestone Most Comfortable
Ride: Mercedes-Benz S350



Best-Looking Utility Vehicle:
Mitsubishi Strada



WORLD-CLASS CELEBRATION

Commemorating
10 years and 50,000 world-class vehicles
exported from the Philippines.



Ford Escape
Suggested Promo Price
starts at P1050K*



Ford Focus
Suggested Promo Price
starts at P724K*

A jubilant offer that comes only once in 10 years!



Present this coupon when buying a Ford Escape or Ford Focus and choose one of these terrific deals:

P50,000 worth of cash savings or
P50,000 trade-up allowance or
P50,000 markdown on accessories or
P50,000 worth of Ford Solutions products or
P50,000 savings on downpayment and
monthly interest rates.

With a total of 50,000 world-class units exported and 10 years in the Philippines under its belt, Ford is pulling out all stops to celebrate. Hurry, this offer comes only once in 10 years! Call 889-FORD (3673) for more information. Promo runs from November 8 - 30, 2007.



Make Every Day Exciting

ALREADY A POPULAR CHOICE for buyers looking for value, quality and safety, the completely redesigned Carnival (Sedona) MPV offers more horsepower than its predecessor and is substantially larger in all key dimensions, providing more passenger room and versatility. New features found on the all-new Carnival include a standard fold-flat-into-the-floor third-row seat and power-sliding doors and liftgate.

Utilizing an all-new platform, the new Carnival's longer wheelbase and increased length and width contribute to the MPV's nearly 15 percent improvement in passenger room over its predecessor. Fresh styling cues and additional standard and available equipment were designed to bolster the Carnival's established position as a safety and value leader in the highly competitive MPV market.

Since its introduction in 2001, the Carnival has quickly gained recognition for its tremendous value and generous list of standard comfort, convenience and safety features. In addition to earning the U.S. federal government's highest safety ratings (Five Stars) for the driver and front and rear-seat passengers in both frontal and side impact crash tests, the Carnival has compiled an impressive list of accolades.

Safety First
Serving as Kia's flagship safety vehicle, the all-new Carnival continues to blaze the roadmap set forth by its predecessor, by earning the "Gold Top Safety Pick" for its impressive performance with top ratings in frontal, side and rear impact crash tests by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in the U.S.

In order to receive a Gold Top Safety Pick rating from IIHS, the vehicle must receive a "Good" - the Institute's highest rating - in all three categories of frontal, side and rear impact tests. Among the eight current minivan designs the Institute has rated, the Carnival is the only one that earns "good" ratings in all three Institute's tests.

"The Carnival is the best minivan we've tested," said IIHS President Adrian Lund. "Other minivans have earned good frontal and side ratings, but they haven't achieved a satisfactory level of rear crash protection. The Carnival stands out as the first to get a clean sweep of good ratings across the board."

The new generation Carnival continues Kia's commitment to offer high levels of standard safety equipment. Sensors controlling the front supplemental restraints, for instance, determine the position of the seat, whether the seat belt is buckled, whether the front passenger seat is occupied, and the severity of a frontal impact before deployment.

A four-channel, four sensor, anti-lock brake system (ABS) is also standard. This system incorporates electronic brake force distribution (EBD), which helps to distribute braking force to all four wheels in proportion to weight shifts during cornering. The EBD adapts to individual grip conditions, which helps to improve both control and stability.

Additional safety equipment include a tire pressure monitoring system and active front seat headrests, while features such as an electronic stability program (ESP) and a traction control system (TCS) with brake assist are available as options.

Enhanced Performance
With increase horsepower and torque, the all-new Carnival offers competitive power and performance in the MPV segment. A 2.9 L, DOHC, 16 valve, Turbo Intercooler, CRDi (Common Rail Direct Injection) Diesel engine has been incorporated providing 160 horse power and 35.0 Kg-m of torque. Mated to a five-speed Sportmatic™ transmission.

Despite its increase in size, the new Carnival is significantly lighter than the previous model on an equally equipped basis. With more power, less weight and a new chassis with 4-wheel independent suspension, the new generation Carnival is designed for a more rewarding drive than its predecessor and competitors.

The new Carnival's four-wheel independent suspension is comprised of MacPherson struts with coil springs and a stabilizer bar in the front, while the rear suspension uses a multi-link design with coil springs and a stabilizer bar.

Stopping power has increased with the addition of a power-assisted four-wheel-disc braking system with larger diameter vented front disc brakes (11.7-in.) and solid rear disc brakes (11.9-in.).

Carnival models come with larger wheels and tires, including 16-inch steel wheels and 225/70 R16 tires or 17 inch alloy wheels fitted to 235/60 R17 tires.

Spacious, adaptable and comfortable
Competitively sized, the new seven-passenger Carnival's generous dimensions and unibody construction boost both passenger and luggage space, and greatly improved ride and handling.

Adding to the Carnival's space and versatility, flip and fold second row seats provide easy access to third row seating and a new, simple-to-operate 60/40 split-folding into-the-floor third row seat is standard on all models to create a larger flat cargo area when the seat is deployed.

Available in two trim models - LX and EX - the all-new Carnival maintains Kia's tradition of offering high-value with its generous list standard features and amenities.

ford.com.ph

